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The Clerk being unable to find any report of the Committee to revise the list of Trustees, has inserted the names of the former ones. He is confident no such report was offered.

PROCEEDINGS.

MAGNOLIA CHURCH, Duplin Co., N. C., Oct. 4th, 1881.

The Eastern Association met in the Baptist Church at Magnolia, for its usual session.

Elder C. C. Newton preached the Introductory Sermon from Acts 16:5, and immediately after, the Moderator called the body to order for commencing business.

In the absence of the Clerk, Elder J. R. Oliver was called to act in that capacity.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The body reassembled and proceeded to business, Elder R. C. Sandling having conducted divine service.

The roll of churches was called, a majority being represented, the letters were read and delegates enrolled.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and John T. Bland were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren T. A. Watson, B. Matthews and J. C. Hines were appointed Finance Committee.

The Pastor and Deacons of Magnolia Church, with brethren S. E. Loftin, G. A. Herring and O. P. Middleton, Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Elder R. C. Sandling was announced to preach in the Methodist Church this afternoon.

There being a misunderstanding about the wording of reports of contributions, Elder J. N. Stallings offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That when any letter states that money has been sent for State Missions, and the delegates know it to be for Associational Missions, they may so report to the Finance Committee, and settle accordingly.

The following Churches were represented and messengers enrolled:

WILMINGTON—Elder J. B. Taylor, Allison Alderman, Jos W. Taylor.
MASONBORO—Elijah Hewlett, T. A. Watson, B. S. Mumford.
MEADOW BRIDGE—James Andrews.
MOUNT HOLLY—Isa Carroll, W. F. Bowen, J. J. Croom.
RILEY'S CREEK—G. W. Walker, J. D. Mahn.

Long Creek—J. H. Brinson, J. W. Moore.
Shiloh—G. A. Herring, C. D. Sykes John T. Bland.
Moore's Creek—O. Alderman, Eli Larkins, W. J. Hollingsworth.
Colvin's Creek—G. W. Horrell, R. C. Henry.
Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, F. W. Pridgen, C. P. Pridgen.
Caintuck Chapel—G. W. Corbett, W. J. Flinn, John M. Daniel.
Haw Bluff—R. N. Bloodworth, John F. Croom, Bradley Andres.
Well's Chapel—L. K. Taylor, R. A. Highsmith.
Bethel—M. H. Oates, H. J. Page, F. P. Alderman.
Lisbon—Elder C. C. Newton, C. H. Bronson, O. Blackburn.
Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, A. C. Peterson, D. B. Alderman.
Clinton—Elder J. L. Stewart, M. M. Killett, B. S. Peterson.
New Hope—L. R. Carroll, F. M. Carroll, James Strickland.
Beulah—Elder J. L. Britt, W. J Moore.
Piney Grove, (Sampson)—J. C. Hines, Henry E. Brewer.
Poplar Grove—W. D. Stevens, R. R. Bell.
Mt. Calvary—G. F. Parker, Eld. J. T. Albritton, Needham Graham.
Fremont—G. W. Merritt.
Goldsboro—Elder F. H. Ivey, Giles Hinson, J. D. Roberts.
Mt. Olive—Elder R. C. Sandling, W. S. Elmore.
LaGrange—H. D. Bizzell, G. W. Bizzell.
Kinston—S. E. Loftin.
Bear Marsh—B. H. Walker.
Mary's Chapel—Elder G. S. Best, F. M. Southerland, Carson Guy.
Johnson's—Elder W. M. Kennedy, J. Gillespie, O. P. Middleton.
Warsaw—Elder J. N. Stallings, Elder J. R. Oliver, A. M. Faison.
Magnolia—Levi Moore, Mathis Rogers, H. M. Swinson.
Concord—J. T. Kennedy, W. A. Moore, W. M. Drew.
Corinth—J. C. Williams, W. R. Teachey, Joseph Boon.
Berea—Newkirk Brice, D. H. Murray, Joseph Brooks.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, H. T. Savage, J. M. Brown.
Dobson's Chapel—W. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick.
Kenansville—D. J. Middleton, W. H. Murray, K. Bryan.
Hallsville—Levi Sanderson, C. C. Williams.
Emma's Chapel—H. P. Marsburn.
Rose Hill—T. J. Jarman, D. N. Page, W. P. Kelly.
Enon—W. J. Montford, L. O. Fonville.
Newbern—Elder F. W Eason.
Beaufort—Edward Whitehurst.
Snow Hill—Elder W. B. Knight, W. R. Croom.
Antioch—Amos Cox, Richard McLaham.

Represented by Letter—Canaan, Falling Creek, Salem, Capernaum, Morehead City, Smyrna.

Not Represented—Union, Peniel, Piney Grove, (Onslow), Trenton, Fort Barnwell, Davis' Shore, Young Bethel, Woodville, Olive Branch, Myrtle Grove, Middle Sound, Union Chapel.

The letters from Riley's Creek, Richlands, (hereafter named Emma's Chapel,) and Enon, petitioning for the next session of the Association were laid on the table.

On motion, the messengers from LaGrange were received on their statement of their election, they having no letter.

The letters from Concord, Rose Hill and Salem, were referred to Committee on Obituaries which may be appointed.

On motion, the parts of letters from Rose Hill, Emma's Chapel, Salem, Capernaum, Enon, Fremont and Smyrna, asking for aid, were referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, a verbal request from brother M. D. Thomas, asking aid for Union Chapel Church, was referred to the Executive Committee.

ORGANIZATION.

The reading of letters being done, the body proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following tellers were appointed: For Moderator, W. J. Montford, M. H. Oates; Clerk, J. C. Williams, A. C. Peterson; Treasurer, H. W. Swinson, F. W. Carroll.

The following reports were made: Elder J. L. Stewart, re-elected Moderator; Elder J. R. Oliver, elected Clerk; brother A. M. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

Elder Stewart made brief remarks accepting the chair again.

Resolution by Elder J. B. Taylor, passed:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of brethren L. R. Carroll, F. H. Ivey, J. N. Stallings, be appointed to consider and report at the present session on the propriety of striking out Art. 9 of our Constitution, and discontinuing our separate Associational work, and merging it with that of the State Mission Board.

On motion, Elder Taylor was added to the Committee.

The Committee on Devotion reported as follows;

Prayer Meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder C. S. Cashwell; preaching in Baptist Church to-night by Elder F. W. Eason; Missionary Sermon at 11 A. M. to-morrow by Elder F. H. Ivey; Elder J. B. Taylor preach 11 A. M. to-morrow in Methodist Church; Elder C. T. Bailey preach in Baptist Church to-morrow night.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Foreign Missions—Elder J. S. Purefoy, L. R. Carroll.
Ministerial Education—Elder J. B. Taylor, Elder R. C. Sandling, O. P. Middleton.
Periodicals—C. T. Bailey, F. W. Eason, Giles Hinson.
Sunday Schools—G. Clute, E. Hewlett, C. H. Brunson.
Temperance—J. L. Britt, Wm. Bland, T. O. Kelly.
Obituaries—J. P. Faison, D. P. Bland, L. K. Taylor.
Ministerial Support—C. C. Newton, G. W. Walker, Joseph Boon.
Audit Accounts of Treas. Ex. Com. and Treas. Asso.—J. N. Stallings, M. M. Killett, C. D. Sykes.
Nominate Executive Committee—G. S. Best, O. Alderman, D. J. Middleton.
Revise List Trustees Warsaw High School—Isa Carroll, L. R. Carroll, A. M. Faison.
Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. M. Kennedy, Levi Moore, F. M. Southerland.
Nominate Stated Preachers for next Session—F. M. Carroll, E. Heldt, K. Bryan.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey; benediction by Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 5th, 1881.

The Association met per appointment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Elder C. S. Cashwell conducted worship.

The Clerk called the roll of members and read proceedings of yesterday.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats, Elder J. S. Purefoy, agent Wake Forest College, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Pres. Oxford Female College, Elder C. T. Bailey, editor *Biblical Recorder*, presented themselves.

Per order of business, petitionary letters being called for, communications appeared from the following churches, seeking admittance into our body, and were received: Colvin's Creek, Pender County, Snow Hill, Green County; Antioch, Pitt County.

On motion, a verbal petition from LaGrange Church for next session of the Association was laid on the table.

As regular order, reports of Standing Committees were called for, but none were ready.

The Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks on it by Elder C. T. Bailey. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are pleased to report a growing interest among the Baptists of this State in religious literature. A larger number of our brethren take the *Recorder* now than at any time in the history of the paper, and its readers are among the best and most active of our members in all the work of the denomination. Those who do not take the paper, are to a great extent inactive, both in the work of the local church, as well as indifferent to the larger claims of the Lord's cause. *Kind Words*, our Sunday School paper, is the paper for our children, and we are glad to state that its circulation among our Sunday Schools is increasing. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, *Kind Words* and *Foreign Mission Journal* to all the Baptists of this Association.

F. W. EASON,
C. T. BAILEY, } Committee.
GILES HINSON,

Moved by Elder Ivey that Art 9 of the Rules of Order be so amended as to read: to commit, to postpone to a definite time.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Elders Newton and Purefoy. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to learn that the interest in Sunday Schools continues. As one of the great hindrances in carrying on Sunday Schools is the want of competent teachers, we would recommend that the members of all our churches organize themselves into classes for the weekly study of the Bible, and as an aid to this study, we suggest the use of helps pub-

lished by our own societies. Let each church consider itself a missionary body, and go out into the high-ways and by-ways and gather together the children into the Sunday Schools. We also recommend the continuance of the Sunday School Board, and that a connection be formed with the Sunday School Board at Raleigh by ours, and this Association appoint delegates to the next Baptist State S. S. Convention which is to meet in Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

GILES CLUTE,
ELIJAH HEWLETT,
C. H. BRONSON,
} Committee.

Adjourned for the Missionary Sermon, and for recess afterward, till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Elder F. H. Ivey preached the Missionary Sermon, founded on Rev. 11:5. Collection, $21.12.

Elder Kelly of the Cape Fear Association, was announced to preach in the Methodist Church this afternoon.

Members of S. S. Board appointed delegates to S. S. Convention.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled. The Committee to nominate the Executive Committee reported. Adopted. (See page 2.)

Bro. Bronson was excused from attendance remainder of this session of the Association.

The Committee to nominate Stated Preachers for next session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Elder R. C. Sandling; alternate, Elder F. W. Eason; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart; alternate, Elder J. B. Taylor.

The Committee on Revisal Art. 9 of the Constitution offered a report. It was discussed by Elders Stallings, Britt, Albritton, Eason, Taylor, Ivey, Sandling, Kennedy, Faison and brethren J. T. Bland and J. D. Roberts, and it was decided to take vote on parts separately.

The first was adopted and the second made special order for to-morrow morning.

The following report was submitted:

Your Committee to consider the propriety of striking out, or modifying Art. 9 of the Constitution, submit the following:

WHEREAS, We have learned that the services of Rev. Dr. Hufham can be secured as general Missionary of this Association, provided we secure him a salary of eight hundred dollars; therefore

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to employ Dr. Hufham, using the money now on hand for Associational Missions, for this or other necessary purposes at their discretion, and that the list of churches be called, and pledges secured, with the understanding that they be applied to his salary.

Resolved, That if from any cause Dr. Hufham's services cannot be obtained, that such article be amended to read as follows: The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which shall advise and co-operate with the State Mission Board, with reference to Associational Missions, colportage and Sunday Schools. They shall have power to take such steps for the advancement of these objects as they may deem advisable, and shall receive from the Treasurer of this Association, and during the intervals between the meeting of this body, all sums intended for said objects, and pay over to the Treasurer of the State Board, and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

On motion, the list of churches was called, and pledges were made for the general Missionary's support:

Wilmington, $35; Masonboro, $5; Mt. Holly, $10; Riley's Creek, $10; Long Creek, $3; Shiloh, $10; Moore's Creek, $20; Colvin's Creek, $2; Bethlehem, $10; Haw Bluff, $10; Well's Chapel, $20; Bethel, $12.50; Lisbon, $20; Mt. Gilead, $15; Clinton, $15; New Hope, $40, $10 more if necessary; Beulah, $8; Piney Grove, Sampson, $29; Poplar Grove, $4, by delegates alone; Mt. Calvary, $15; Goldsboro, $15; Mt. Olive, $20; Bear Marsh, $10; Mary's Chapel, $5; Johnson's, $20; Warsaw, $40; Magnolia, $15; Concord, $5; Corinth, $3; Berea, $5; Island Creek, $5; Dobson's Chapel, $5; Kenansville, $15; Emma's Chapel, $2.50; Rose Hill, $10; Enon, $10; Newbern, $40; Beaufort, $5.

Individual pledges—S. E. Loftin, $10; W. J. Montford, $5; J. W. Taylor, $5; W. S. Elmore, $5; William Bland, $5; J. T. Bland, $5; H. A. Bland, $5; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, $5; Mrs. Dr. Mosely, $5; Mrs. L. M. Loftin, $2; Miss L. F. Houston, $1; Mrs. F. Jarman, $1; Mrs. D. D. Kornegay, $1; Mrs. Susan Bloodworth, $1; Miss Sarah Boyett, $1; Mrs. S. J. Murphy, $2.

The latter part of the above report relating to revisal, &c., was laid on the table.

Final leave of absence was granted brethren W. S. Elmore, J. W. Taylor, B. H. Walker, E. Hewlett, R. R. Bell and W. J. Montford.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention made the following report;

Elders J. B. Taylor, J. N. Stallings, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, F. H. Ivey, R. C. Sandling, W. M. Kennedy, C. C. Newton, J. T. Albritton, F. W. Eason, J. L. Stewart, J. P. Faison, G. W. Hufham; Brethren L. R. Carroll, J. B. Oliver, J. W. Lane, J. M. Mosely, J. D. Roberts, A. M. Faison. D. K. Kornegay, D. J. Middleton, T. A. Watson, O. P. Middleton.

W. M. KENNEDY,
L. MOORE,
F. M SUTHERLAND, } Committee.

On motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to take receipts from brother Owen Alderman, for money due the late Asa B. Alderman for labors as missionary.

The Committee on Devotion submitted their report:

Prayer meeting in Baptist Church at 9 o'clock, A. M., to be conducted by Elder William Bland; Association meet at 9:30; preaching in Methodist Church at 11 A. M. by Elder J. T. Albritton; evening appointment to be filled hereafter.

Adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. B. Taylor; dismissed by Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 6th, 1881.

The Association met at the appointed hour, and Elder William Bland conducted opening service.

Calling the roll was dispensed with. Reading the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Brother B. S. Peterson was excused from further attendance.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The second resolution of the report of the Committee on Revisal, &c., was called up and after some discussion, was laid on the table.

On motion, additional pledges were made for support of the general Missionary. The following responses were given: A. M. Faison, $10; F. R. Cooper, $10; J. L. Stewart, $10; Mary's Chapel, $10; Caintuck Chapel, $10; F. H. Ivey, $10, L. O. Fonville, $10; G. A. Herring, $10; T. J. Jarman $10; J. W. Taylor, $10; Mt. Gilead Church, $5; Mrs. H. H. Kelly, $5; Goldsboro Church, $5; D. N. Page, $5; John T. Bland, $5; H M. Croom, $5; Morehead City Church, $5; D. P. Bland, $5; J. L. Carlton, $5; Canaan Church, $5; Falling Creek Church, $5; S. E. Register, $5; Island Creek Church, $5; J. D. Roberts, $5; Dr. S S. Satchwell, $5; Moore's Creek Church, $5; Haw Bluff, $5.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats, Elder Kelly, of the Cape Fear Association, accepted the invitation.

The Committee on Ministerial Education offered its report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Purefoy and Ivey.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Prophetic, or ministerial education was, under God, practiced by the ancient Jews, and taught in the schools of the Prophets. Our Saviour taught his disciples for about three years in his own school of Theology, and thus prepared them for the great work of preaching the gospel to the then unknown world. Sanctified education, like that of St. Paul, is necessary to the spreading of the gospel, and giving the good news of salvation to the nations of the earth.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has about ninety students, and is doing a great and blessed work in fitting our young ministers for enlarged usefulness in gospel labors.

There are about thirty young ministers at Wake Forest College, about twenty of them are sustained by the Board of Education, with the funds contributed by the churches. No work of the denomination has paid better than the education of our rising ministry. In all parts of the State we find them occupying important posts, and preaching with acceptance the gospel of Christ. This large Association ought to sustain at Wake Forest several beneficiaries all the time, and by a united effort it can be done. Would it not be well for this Association to commence, or devise such means as shall insure the accomplishment of this important work, and do it now?

The Board of Education at Wake Forest College, is much in need of funds to meet the constant and increasing number of applications for aid. If the Board had the funds, it could soon have fifty beneficiaries under its care. The responsibility of this great matter rests upon the churches. If they withhold funds, the cause must langush, if they supply the means it will prosper.

J. B. TAYLOR,
R. C SANDLING,
O. P. MIDDLETON, } Committee.

On motion, pledges were asked for this purpose, and the following responses were given:

Wilmington, this church is suppo ing one beneficiary, Mt. Holly, $2; Masonboro, $5; Concord, $5; Shiloh. $2; Mrs. Dr. Mosely. $5; Well's Chapel, $5; Bethel, $2.50; Mt. Gilead, $2.50; Clinton, $5; Goldsboro, $10; Kenansville, $3.

A collection of $12.54 in cash for this object was reported.

On motion, the part of the letter from Emma's Chapel Church asking aid in building a house of worship, was taken up for consideration.

Resolution by brother J. D. Roberts:

Resolved, That we tender Emma's Chapel Church our sympathy in its efforts to build a house of worship, and that a collection be now taken in cash and pledges for such object.

Amounts not reported.

The Committee on Foreign Missions offered its report, which was briefly discussed by Elders Taylor and Eason. It was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work on our foreign fields was never before in the history of missions so prosperous and hopeful. In Italy, China, Africa, Mexico and Brazil, the missionaries of the cross have found free access to the people, and the gospel of Christ is preached to thousands who for ages worshiped stocks and stones In India, the word preached has had free course and been glorified in the salvation of thousands. During this year, a new mission to Mexico has been established, and the missions in Rome and China have been strengthened. Dr. Graves will return to his work in Canton next month. Dr. Yates has greatly improved in health and regularly preaches to his church in Shanghai, and has nearly completed a full translation of the Scripture in the language of that land. God has greatly blessed the labors of our missionaries, and the dawn of that promised and coming day when the heathen shall be given to Christ for an inheritance, and when a nation shall be born in a day, is breaking the horizon of our outposts in India, China and Africa.

The nations of the whole earth are now ready to welcome the missionaries of the cross, and are eagerly learning the customs and habits of civilized countries. They crowd our shores, send their children to our schools, while our commerce and enterprise occupy their marts with ships, and build railroads across their hitherto impenetrable continents. In all this, as well as in the success attending our labors, God is speaking to us, and bidding us go forward and preach the gospel to every creature. This is the work he has committed to his church.

JAMES S. PUREFOY,
L. R. CARROLL, } Committee.

The Executive Committee submitted its report. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For the first time in the history of our Association the Angel of Death has visited our number. One of our committee, and one missionary have been called to their reward. All of this necessarily casts a deep sadness on our work, nevertheless, we have disposed of the means placed at our command in the manner which we thought would best promote the Master's cause in our bounds. As to where the work has been done, will appear from our Treasurer's report. We have reports of progress in some parts of the field. There were ten conversions in Elder D. F. Aman's field, and cheering news comes from other points. Many points are calling for help for the ensuing year. Dear brethren, shall we respond to the calls? May the Lord open our hearts to greater liberality, and give us greater zeal in prosecuting the great work which we have undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

The usual call was made for pledges for this object for the ensuing year, and responses given :

Wilmington, $25; Masonboro, $5. Mt. Holly, $5; Riley's Creek, $5; Shiloh, $5; Moore's Creek, $5; Bethlehem, $4, paid; Haw Bluff, $5; Well's Chapel, $10; Bethel. $12.50; Lisbon, $19; Mt. Gilead, $10; Clinton, $10; New Hope, $10; Beulah, $8; Piney Grove, (Sampson) $10; Poplar Grove, $4: Falling Creek, $10: Mt. Calvary, $5; Goldsboro, $10; Mt. Olive, $10; Kinston, $10; Bro. Loftin's own pledge, Bear Marsh, $10; Mary's Chapel, $5; Johnson's, $15; Warsaw, $15; Magnolia, $10; Concord, $5; Berea, $3; Island Creek, $10; Dobson's Chapel, $3; Kenansville, $10; Rose Hill, $25; Beaufort, $5; Meadow Bridge, $5; Enon, $10; Corinth, $5.

Resolution by Elder J. B. Taylor :

Resolved, That our pastors be requested to bring the subject of Foreign Missions before their churches, and take up collections for this object during the coming associational year.

The report of the Trustees of Warsaw High School was presented, and after remarks by Elders Kennedy, Eason and Stallings, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

In our last report to this body, we stated that we had leased the building and premises for a term of years to the principal of the school, Elder J. N. Stallings. Various improvements have been made on or about the premises since taking charge thereof, and others will continue to be done as occasion and circumstances may require. Through the characteristic zeal of the principal, and commendable faithfulness of an efficient corps of teachers, the school is now better than it has been at any time heretofore. A finished education can be acquired at this school in the department of literature, music and the fine arts; the instructors all being fully equipped for their work, and exhibiting an untiring diligence and earnestness in their efforts to impart instruction to those commtitted to their care. A necessary course of discipline, firmly but affectionately administered, both in and out of the school, is another admirable feature in its character : and nothing now remains to be done to make all its most sanguine friends ever contemplated, but to give it the cordial and undivided support of all the churches within the limits of the Eastern Association. Indeed, it is the equal of any school in the State; is eminently worthy of the patronage of all our people. The last session numbered fifty-five students. The present one has about the same number, and we can double it by the next session of this body if we choose. Dear brethren, let us accomplish this object.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

Brethren L. K. Taylor, H. P. Marshburn and R. N. Bloodworth were excused from attendance the remainder of this session.

The Committee on Obituaries reported. It was adopted after tender speeches by Elders W. M. Kennedy and J. N. Stallings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We have the painful duty of announcing the deaths of some valuable brethren, which have occured during the past year. Benjamin Oliver, the son Rev. Francis Oliver, was born in Duplin County, N. C., on the 15th day of March, 1803. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Barrow, who was born and reared in Onslow County, N. C. His father was a Baptist minister, widely known, and dearly beloved by those who knew him. He died when the subject of this notice was quite young; his early training therefore devolved upon his mother, and the faithfulness with which she performed this task, has been shown in the life and virtues of her son. He was baptized into the fellowship of Bear Marsh Church by Elder Henry Swinson, July, 1832. He was shortly after then elected a Deacon of that church, and served faithfully in that capacity till his death. He was elected Moderator of the Union Association, now Eastern, in 1845, and held such position at different times until 1865. We do not know the exact time when he was elected a member of our Executive Committee, but the records of 1844 show reports from him as its chairman, and he remained one of that body until his life closed. On account of bodily infirmity, he did not serve as chairman of the committee his last two years, but continued to advise about its proceedings unto the last. The great work of his life seemed to be the fostering of associational missions; and in the interest of this great Christian enterprise, he gave much of his precious time, and of his means, purely for its promotion. He attended every session of the Association forty-eight years, and was a delegate every year of that period except one, when he was excused at his own request, owing to infirmity of body. He aided in organizing the body now known as the Minister's Relief Society, and was its chairman several years. The only civil position he ever held was that of magistrate. Having been reared under religious influences, his mind seemed to go in that direction, and his heart being washed in the blood of Jesus, he sought not the honors of this world, but was content to hold such positions in the church as would enable him to promote the Master's cause. Educational facilities being few in his early life, he obtained but little mental cultivation then, but by dint of perseverance and close application to study, he became a man of rare intelligence. He was a great lover of history, science and agricultural works, but the Bible was prized as the grand storehouse of mental lore, and was his guide to heaven. He began life as a mechanic of small means, but by untiring energy and prudence acquired a comfortable living. He was the firm friend of education, and proved his sincerity and devotion to its interests by giving his children a liberal cultivation of mind, and contributing of his means for the instruction of others. Associational missions and Bear Marsh Church were precious earthly objects to him, while family and friends were ever dear also. Many friends, besides his family and other relatives will long miss his presence. He is gone from among us; gone to the mansions of the pure and happy ones. As his life has been one of labor for his Master, so his end was peaceful and happy. He passed away from earth to heaven, Sunday morning, June 5th, 1881, with a pleasant smile on his countenance, and is but waiting for the full redemption of the body, when all shall rise again. There is a long array of facts that rarely distinguish the personal history of the servants of God, and well may the Baptist brotherhood be saddened at the departure of him who

cherished, fostered and ardently loved every christian work of theirs in all its phases, and so may Israel say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. for their works do follow them." May coming generations cherish the memory, and imitate the example of him whose boasting was this, that he gloried in the Lord.

It is also our painful duty to announce the death of Elder Asa B. Alderman, cut down in his youthful prime; just as he had entered upon his Master's work. He united with Moore's Creek Church early in life, and he ever afterward exhibited the meek and lowly spirit. He was ordained to the ministry two years ago. Possessing the advantages of a liberal education at the Academy and Theological Seminary, the hope of a bright future, and the prospect of future usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord seemed surely to await him, but he has been taken away. He died in Onslow County, N. C., where he had been Missionary and Pastor, beloved by many christians, and honored by friends for his deep piety.

Concord church mourns the loss of brethren Jacob Taylor and Joseph Wilson, aged and faithful servants of the Lord. Having no special information concerning them we are unable to relate more about their lives.

JULIAN. P. FAISON,
D. P. BLAND,
L. K. TAYLOR,
} Committee.

On motion, the Association took recess for one hour.

Elder Eason was announced to preach in the Methodist Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened again and resumed business.

The usual business was, on motion, suspended, and Elder Purefoy was allowed to present the claims of his mission, it being collecting funds for completing Wingate Memorial Hall of Wake Forest College. Pledges for this object:

Elder F. W. Eason, $10; O. Blackburn, $1, paid; H. R. Kornegay, $1; M. H. Oates, $1.

Other pledges were made privately, and some cash was collected, but not reported to the Clerk.

The Clerk finds, after seaching papers, that pledges were made to Emma's Chapel Church, amounting to $23.70, cash $39.43, total, $63.13. Names of persons pledging not given, as brethren went among the congregation collecting funds, &c.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We need not speak at length on the evils of intemperance, for this is admitted. The fact that it has a strong hold upon the people is apparent to all. All professions and societies have suffered from it; the wealthy made poor, and the strong rendered weak. Surely none have suffered more than the churches. Everyone knows that the habitual use of intoxicating liquors by professed believers in Christ, is injurious to his cause. Brethren what shall be done to arrest the progress of this great destroyer? Will not every church member oppose this monster evil by ardent prayer, and the Holy Spirit's influence? Will not every teacher and preacher teach, preach, and pray against the destroyer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BRITT,
WILLIAM BLAND,
T. O. KELLY,
} Committee.

The Committee on Ministerial Support reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The commission to God's ministers is "Go preach the gospel." The apostle Paul says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Outside of the city churches, Goldsboro, Newbern and Wilmington, we do not know a single minister in this Association who is living of the gospel. Our pastors are farmers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors and teachers; and really obtain the greater part of their living from these sources, as well as devote the larger portion of their time to these callings. That there is glaring inconsistency here cannot be denied. This state of affairs is not only inconsistent, but is not conduc ive to their prosperity or devlopment; it is rather a great drawback. Our pastors can do little more than preach to their congregations, and their pastoral duties, apart from preaching, must go neglected. A church will certainly decline, even under *great* preaching, if there be no pastoral work. It is written, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn," and our Lord has written, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Our churches with this light before their eyes, cannot fail to see that it lies with them whether they shall have an efficient ministry or not. If the churches withhold from pastors that support which is their due, and which the New Testament allows, the present condition of affairs must remain as it is. We therefore earnestly recommend that the churches loose the hands of their pastors, and enable them to devote their entire time to the Master's work.

C. C. NEWTON,
G. W. WALKER, } Committee.
J. BOON,

It was ordered that the public collection of this session be divided between State Missions and Foreign Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was offered, and was adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Treas. Ex. Com. in account with the Eastern Association for the years 1880-81.

1880.		Dr.	
Oct. 7	Remainder on hand from last year		$146 42
"	M. C. Peterson's pledge of 1879		1 00
1881.	Clinton		10 00
May	Wilmington, from A. M. Faison		15 00
"	Riley's Creek, from W. M. Kennedy		8 23
Oct. 4	Moore's Creek, old pledge		5 00
"	Corinth		7 50
"	Mount Gilead		95
"	Bear Marsh Pledge		1 00
"	Amt. from Treasurer Association		189 30
			$379 40

1881.				Cr.		
Feb 14	Amt. paid	Elder	W. M. Kennedy		$ 8 33	
19	"	"	"	R. C. Sandling	37 50	
July 21	"	"	"	A. B. Alderman	33 33	
"	"	"	"	T. J. Leary	16 66	
	"	"	"	D. F. Aman	25 00	
	"	"	"	A. B. Alderman	25 00	
	"	"	"	C. C. Newton	25 00	
					$229 15	
				Balance on hand	150 25	
					$379 40	

Amounts received and paid to Elder W. B. Knight, for labors in the bounds of the old Pamlico Association.

1881.		Dr.	Cr.
Oct 4.	Alfred Daniel,	$ 5 00	
	C. H. Smith	5 00	
	P. G. Cook,	2 50	
May,	C. C. Newton,	2 50	
Oct. 4.	L. K. Taylor,	2 50	
	W. S. Elmore,	2 00	
	D. J. Middleton,	2 50	
May,	J. L. Carlton	5 00	
	Levi Kennedy,	2 50	
Oct. 4.	David Blanchard,	1 00	
	A. C. Peterson	1 00	
	Claudius Daniel,	1 00	
July,	J. W. Lane	1 00	
Oct. 4.	Eld. J. T. Albritton, Bethel, pledged last Asso.	10 00	
July,	Collected at Riley's Creek U. Meeting	11 21	
Oct. 4.	A. M. Faison,	5 00	
	O. P. Middleton,	1 00	
	S. M. Carlton, paid Knight	5 00	
	R. C. Sandling	2 50	
May,	Amount paid W. B. Knight,		$10 00
July,	" " " "		11 21
Oct. 6.	F. M. Carroll,	2 50	
	W. C. Carlton,	2 50	
	G. W. Carroll, Jr.	2 00	
	W. H. Thompson,	2 50	
	J. L. Stewart, pledge last Association	10 00	
Oct. 7.	Amout paid W. B. Knight		66 50
		$87 71	$87 71

Examined and found correct,

J. N. STALLINGS,
C. D. SYKES,
M. M. KILLETT, } Committee.

The Sunday School Board presented its report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Soon after the last session of this body, the Board held a meeting for the purpose of taking steps to carry out the designs of the Association in placing a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur in the field at as early a day as practicable. After due deliberation and prayer, we came to the conclusion that the limited means at our command, would not enable us to employ a competent brother to fill this difficult and important position, and believing that it would be unwise in us to commit such work to inexperienced hands, we decided not to engage a Missionary until a sufficient fund could be placed at our disposal. We therefore concluded not to call on the churches for the pledges made to this object at this session, without further instructions from the Association. We determined to do all in our power as individual members, to foster the Sunday School work within our bounds; to this end. we have held institutes at several places and delivered addresses on other occasions in the interest of this cause. Our Chairman attended the S. S. Convention of the State held at Asheville last June, where he obtained valuable information in regard to the work in our State. In conclusion, we would respectfully recommend to the Association to make a more vigororus effort to place a suitable brother in the field as a Sunday School Missionary, believing that great good would result from such an enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Nothing was done but simply to adopt the above report; coming up late in the session, time was not allowed for action upon it.

The old Board was re-elected, with the exception of Elder Kennedy, and Elder J. N. Stallings was substituted for him. (See page 2).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. FAISON, *in account with Eastern Association*,

DR.

Amount received from Finance Committee for Minutes	$	66 20
Itinerancy		201 07
Home Missions		8 57
Foreign Missions		87 97
State Missions		33 22
Sunday Schools		7 22
Collection at Stand		11 22
Collections in house for Tar River Association		7 00
Collections in house for Ministers' Education		6 57
Amt. rec'd from Mt. Calvary Church, per Eld. J. T. Albritton, for Itineranev, $3.50; Foreign Miss., $5; Minutes, 85		9 35
Amt. rec'd from Fist Bapt. Church, Wilmington, Itinerancy		23 85
Amt. over pd. Clerk for distributing minutes and retured by him		3 90
		$480 27

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Paid Treas. Ex. Com	$210 00	
Paid Rev. N. B. Cobb for Treas. B. S. C	6 57	
Paid for printing Minutes	40 00	
Paid Treas. Ex. Com. since Asso	15 00	
Paid Clerk for services	15 00	
Paid for distributing Minutes	10 00	
Paid Rev. T. Harrion, Agent for Foreign Missions	88 05	
Paid Rev. Dr. Pritchard for Ministers Education	6 57	
Paid Rev. Dr. Hufham for Tar River Association	7 00	
Paid Rev. N. B. Cobb, for State Missions	33 22	
Dr. Prichard collected at stand	11 22	
	$442 63	
Remainder on hand for Itinerancy	$ 16 35	
" " Foreign Missions	9 92	
" " Home "	2 00	
" " Sunday Schools	7 32	
" " Minutes	2 05	
	$37 64	
		$ 480 27

Examined and found correct,

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Adopted.

The Finance Committee's report was submitted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Itinerancy.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Minute Fund.	Minister's Education Fund.
Wilmington						4 00	
Masonboro			2 00	2 00		2 00	2 00
Olive Branch				1 00		1 50	
Mt. Holly		3 00	2 00			1 50	2 00
Long Creek						1 00	2 00
Shiloh	4 34		5 00			1 50	
Bethel	10 00		1 30		1 75	1 70	
Well's Chapel	10 00		4 85			1 50	
Piney Grove, Sampson	4 50				2 50	1 61	5 00
Riley's Creek			3 59			2 00	
Moore's Creek	5 96½		6 96			1 50	
Bethlehem	4 00		8 00			1 50	4 00
Haw Bluff	10 00		9 50	2 00		2 00	
Warsaw	20 00		5 00		5 00		10 00
Johnson's	10 00		6 00	5 00		1 40	
Concord				2 75		1 00	
Berea			42			1 50	
Magnolia	7 00					2 00	
Corinth						1 40	
Falling Creek	6 50		3 05			2 00	
Mt. Calvary	5 15		8 50			1 00	
Fremont						1 00	
Bear Marsh	8 19					1 95	
Kinston	3 64		3 66	3 66	3 64	2 25	3 64
Mary's Chapel	5 25					1 30	
Caintuck Chapel	5 00		5 25			1 00	
New Hope	4 00					1 35	
Beulah	3 10					75	5 00
Clinton	10 00					1 50	
Canaan	5 17		4 64			1 15	
Poplar Grove			1 20			1 00	
Dobson's Chapel	2 50					1 05	
Island Creek	5 00					2 00	5 00
Rose Hill			60			1 00	
Hallsville						1 50	
Salem	2 00					25	
Kenansville	7 00					1 30	2 00
Enon						1 00	
Emma's Chapel						1 00	
Capernaum						60	
Mt. Gilead	3 59		60			1 50	
Morehead City	5 00		1 00			50	
Smyrna						50	
Mt. Olive	5 00					2 00	5 00
Newton						3 00	
Meadow Bridge	5 00				1 00	40	
LaGrange						2 50	
Goldsboro	5 00				5 00	2 00	
Lisbon	3 00		3 00			64	5 00
Beaufort	1 00					75	
Colvin's Creek	1 50					50	
Antioch						1 00	
Snow Hill						1 00	
Total amounts,	189 30½	3 00	86 12	16 39	18 89	65 85	54 64

Amount of all	$435 18
Public collection for Missions	21 12
" " " Educational Fund	12 54
By Sister M. P. Alderman	1 00
Moore's Creek Church	75
To Build Richland Church	39 63
Total,	$510 02

In addition to the above report, we find $7 41 unappropriated to any object, and the money is at the disposal of the Association. Pledge of Clinton, for Ministerial Education, 1880, paid, $5.

T. A. WATSON,
J. C. HINES, } Committee.
B. MATTHEWS,

It was ordered that all funds received, be given to the Treasurer of the Association, and be paid out for the objects for which contributed.

It was also directed that any surplus from the Minute Fund be paid the Executive Commmittee.

Resolved, That any member of this body who may attend another Association may represent us.

On motion, ordered that any money unappropriated shall be given the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have fifteen hundred copies of Minutes printed and distributed, and he shall have $15.00 for his services. He is to have two Church Letters printed for each Church in the Association.

Resolution of thanks passed.

Resolved, That we heartily tender our thanks to the citizens of Magnolia and community for hospitality, also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church, and such railroad companies as have granted favors.

On motion, petitionary letters were called up for the purpose of locating the next session of Association. The decision was in favor of Emma's Chapel Church, Onslow County.

There being no more business, on motion the Association adjourned to meet at Emma's Chapel Church, in the village of Richlands, Onslow County, N. C., Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1882.

After prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy, a hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and the Moderator declared the end of the present session of our Association.

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator.*

J. R. OLIVER, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	No of teachers	No. Pupils.	Vols. in Library.
Wilmington	W. A. French	30	238	400
Masonboro	G. W. Hewlett	9	89	51
Olive Branch	W. H. Sneeden	4	15	12
Meadow Bridge	James Andrews	3	20	50
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	5	35	
Riley's Creek	W. H. Larkins	6	24	100
Long Creek	Mrs. M. E. Herring	2	41	
Shiloh	H. P. Bland	6	110	200
Moore's Creek	C. P. Woodcock	8	48	50
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	6	59	100
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	4	40	
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	11	50	175
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Moseley	12	60	papers
Clinton	G. W. Marsh			
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	5	65	
Piney Grove, Sampson	J. W. Lane	5	40	
Poplar Grove	R R. Bell	6	40	150
Canaan	James Ingram	6	70	
Falling Creek	J. R. Hood, Jr.	8	40	
Mt. Calvary	G. W. Parker	3	25	
Goldboro	H. L. Graut	13	122	
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver	10	92	
Kinston	J. M. Wooten	3	35	
Bear Marsh	W. J. Walker	8	38	
Mary's Chapel	T. H. Rogers	5	20	
Johnson's	O. P. Middleton	6	50	
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton	9	70	
Magnolia	J. W. Swinson	6	40	100
Concord	W. A. Moore	5	50	
Berea	Murdoc Murray	6	40	50
Hallsville	Not Stated	5	50	
Rose Hill	D. N. Page.	6	21	
Newbern	C. C. Clark	23	137	60
Beaufort	John D. Davis	14	50	
Smyrna	A. S. Willis	9	73	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminution.			Membership.				TIME OF METEING.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females	Colored.	Total.	
Wilmington		5	9		1	10	5	4	118	242		360	Twice every Sunday.
Masonboro		3	2		1	3	2	2	69	89	1	160	First Sunday, two times.
Olive Branch	1880	1	3					1	9	9		18	Fourth Sunday.
Meadow Bridge	1878	3					2		3	8		11	Second Sunday.
Mt. Holly			3			3		2	35	92	2	129	First Sunday
Riley's Creek						1	2	1	33	64		97	Third Sunday.
Long Creek	1871	1				6		2	41	55		96	First Sunday.
Shiloh	1853		2			1	2		47	102		149	Third Sunday.
Moore's Creek			1		3	12	4		41	70		111	Fourth Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	1881								23	14		37	Second Sunday.
Bethlehem		4						1	38	83		121	Second Sunday.
Haw Bluff	1859	9	2		4	6	3		50	78		128	Third Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel						1	1		30	36		66	Fourth Sunday.
Well's Chapel	1751		1			1	1	2	66	111		177	Second Sunday.
Bethel						1		1	16	40		56	Fourth Sunday.
Lisbon									44	57		101	Not Stated.
Mt. Gilead			1			1		2	88	75		113	Fourth Sunday.
*Boykin's Chapel	1846								52	96		148	Not heard from.
Clinton	1855	1				2		2	18	44		62	Third Sunday.
New Hope		10	2		4	6	8	2	76	114		190	Second Sunday.
Beulah	1814	4	2			1		1	23	33		56	First Sunday.
Piney Grove, Sampson	1840							1	64	122	10	196	Second Sunday.
Poplar Grove	1880	10	1						11	18		29	Third Sunday.
Canaan			1		1			1	8	17	7	35	Fourth Sunday.
Falling Creek		16	4		3			2	21	40		61	Second Sunday.
Mt. Calvary	1875	1				1	1		8	12		20	First Sunday.
Fremont	1875								7	11		18	No Preaching.
Goldsboro		10	5			1	2	4	57	116		173	Twice every Sunday.
Mt. Olive	1869	1	4			1	2	3	35	68		103	First and Second Sundays.
*LaGrange									21	47		68	Fourth Sunday.
Kinston			2			2			23	41		64	Twice every Sunday.
Bear Marsh	1763	6			1		1	4	50	120		170	Third Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	1875	15	1			1	5		31	29		60	Fourth Sunday.
Johnson's		11			1	3	1	1	39	86	16	141	First Sunday.
Warsaw	1855		3			8	4	3	103	150		253	Third and Fourth Sundays.
Magnolia			5			1		2	78	106		184	Fourth Sunday.
Concord	1825		2					1	27	50	17	94	First Sunday.

Corinth	1850					2	1		25	45		71	Third Sunday.
Berea	1844	1	1		1	2	1	3	28	53	1	82	Third Sunday.
Island Creek	1803							1	56	115		171	First Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	1867							1	14	28		42	First Sunday.
Kenansville						1	1		18	43		61	Second Sunday.
Hallsville	1807							1	40	84		124	No Preaching.
Emma's Chapel	1880							3	3	17		29	Not Stated.
*Penial	1880											12	
Rose Hill								1	5	12		17	Third Sunday.
Salem	1877	3					3		6	11		17	First Sunday.
Enon						1	1		16	29		45	Fourth Sunday.
Piney Grove, Onslow									25	24		5?	
Capernaum	1876	9			2		1	1	12	31		43	Fourth Sunday.
*Piney Grove, (Jones,)									33	49		82	
Trenton	1870								6	20		26	
Newbern		2	2			2		3	38	103		141	Twice every Sunday.
Morehead City	1873		3			2		1	12	32		44	Third Sunday.
Smyrna						1	1		24	58		83	No Preaching.
*Woodville									14	23		37	
Beaufort		8			7	1	37	2	22	32		54	
Snow Hill	1881		2						4	8		12	Not Stated.
Antioch	1881	11	1	4					7	17		24	Not Stated.
		144	65	4	29	85	92	68	1662	3310	54	5361	

* Taken from old Minutes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Indian Missions	Other Objects.	Minutes fund	Total for all Objects.
*Wilmington	1800 00	761 15	189 50	24 86	24 86	25 00	24 87	200 00	4 00	2361 24
Masonboro	100 00	17 00	2 00	2 60	2 00				2 00	123 00
Olive Branch				1 00					1 50	2 50
Meadow Bridge	20 00			5 00		1 00			40	35 40
Mt. Holly	100 00		2 00	3 00	2 00				1 50	108 50
Riley's Creek	125 00				3 59				2 00	129 59
Long Creek	70 54		4 00		1 50				1 00	77 04
Shiloh	100 00	2 75			5 00			4 34	1 50	113 59
Moore's Creek	75 00		5 96½		5 96½				1 50	88 43
Colvin's Creek									1 50	1 50
Bethlehem	100 00			4 00	8 00			4 00	1 50	117 50
Haw Bluff				2 00	7 50			10 00	2 00	23 50
Caintuck Chapel			2 00		5 25			5 00	1 00	13 25
Well's Chapel	125 00	50 00	10 00		4 85			10 00	1 50	211 35
Bethel					1 30	1 75		10 00	1 70	14 75
Lisbon	125 00		5 00		3 00			3 00	61	
Mt. Gilead	125 00				60			5 59	1 50	132 69
Clinton	125 60			10 00					1 50	136 50
New Hope	150 00			60 00				4 00	1 35	215 35
Beulah			5 00					3 00	75	8 85
Piney Grove, Sampson	175 00		5 00			2 50		4 50	1 61	188 61
Poplar Grove	75 00				1 20	20 00			1 00	97 20
Canaan	70 00			4 62				5 17	1 15	80 94
Falling Creek	100 00				3 05			6 50	2 00	111 50
Mt. Calvary	30 00				8 50			5 25	1 00	44 65
Fremont									1 00	1 00
Goldsboro	600 00	75 00	50 00			5 00		5 00	2 00	737 00
Mt. Olive	275 00		5 00					5 00	2 00	287 00
Kinston	600 00	45 00	3 64	3 64	3 64	3 64		3 64	2 35	664 55
Bear Marsh	130 00							8 19	1 95	140 04
Mary's Chapel								5 05	1 30	6 35
Johnson's				5 00	6 00			10 00	1 40	21 40
Warsaw	300 00	18 00	10 00		10 00			20 00		358 00
Magnolia	100 00							7 00	2 00	119 00
Concord	40 00			2 75					1 00	43 75
Corinth	85 00								1 40	86 40
Berea	75 00				42				1 50	76 92
Island Creek	100 00	15 00	5 00					5 00	2 00	127 00
Dobson's Chapel								2 50	1 05	3 55
Kenansville			2 00					7 00	1 30	10 30
Hallsville									1 50	1 50
Emma's Chapel									1 00	1 00
Rose Hill	30 00								1 00	31 00
Salem	24 00							2 00	25	26 25
Enon	100 00								1 00	101 00
Capernaum									60	60
Newbern			45 00	27 76	12 76	12 76	8 76		3 00	120 04

* During the past year this Church has arranged to pay off its debt of $6,000.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O.	CLERKS and their P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Masonboro	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	G. W. Hewlett, "
Olive Branch	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.	D. H. Workman, "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Meadow Bridge	No Pastor	Jas, Andrews, Sloop Point
Mount Holly	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	Isaiah Carroll, So. Wash'ton
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	W. H. Larkins, Long Creek.
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek
Shiloh	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.
Colvin's Creek	J. W. Gurganus, Abbottsburg	W. G. Horrell, Pt. Caswell
Moore's Creek	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	C, P. Woodcock, "
Bethlehem	" " " "	B. F. Keith, Sr. "
Caintuck Chapel	W. H. Howard. Pt. Caswell	D. J. Corbett, Natmore
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Pt. Caswell (Store
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's
Bethel	" " "	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
Lisbon	" " "	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Mount Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	John J. Vann, Clinton.
Clinton	" " "	C. P. Johnson, Clinton
New Hope	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	J. T. Moore, Warsaw
Poplar Grove	" " "	W. D. Stevens, Faison
Piney Grove	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. W. Lane, Faison
Canaan	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	Redin Carr, Newton Grove.
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek	G. A. Best. Kenansville	W. G. Britt, Granthams S're
Mt Calvary	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	R. A. Parker, Brogdens Mill
Fremont	No Pastor	G. W. Merritt, Fremont
Goldsboro	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro	Thos. B. Parker, Goldsboro.
Mount Olive	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive
GREENE COUNTY.		
Snow Hill	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill	E. D. Sugg, Snow Hill.
PITT COUNTY.		
Antioch	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill	John C. Cox, Cox's Shop
LENOIR COUNTY.		
LaGrange	R. C. Sandling. Mt. Olive	Not given.
Kinston	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston	James F. Hill
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh	R. C. Sandling. Mt. Olive	W. J. Walker, Mt. Olive
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	F. M. Southerland, Ken'ville
Johnson's	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Magnolia
Warsaw	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw
Magnolia	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.
Concord	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw	L. R. Mathews, Rose Hill
Corinth	G. S. Best, Kenansville	Ira J. Johnson, Rockfish
Berea	J B. Barlow, Wilmington.	V. N. Seawell, Jerico
Island Creek	G. S. Best, Kenansville	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Dobson's Chapel	" " "	T. Kilpatrick, no P. O. given
Kenansville	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw
Hallsville	No Pastor	J. D. Brown, Hallsville
ONSLOW COUNTY.		
Emma's Chapel	E. A. Best, Richlands	H. P. Marshburn, Richlands
*Rose Hill		D. N. Page, Tar Landing
†Salem	D. F. Aman, Jacksonville	Gusta Newly, Sneeds Ferry.
Enon	T. J. Leary, Morehead City.	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek.
Capernaum	D. F. Aman, Jacksonville	John R. White, Mayville.
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Newbern	F. W. Eason, Newbern	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort	No Pastor	John D. Davis, Beaufort
Morehead City.	T. J. Leary, Morehead City.	J. T. Eaton, Morehead City.
Smyrna	No Pastor	A. S. Willis, Beaufort.

*Served last year by the late A. B. Alderman. †Resigned.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deporment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion

9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.
14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2.—Election of Officers.
3.—Call for Petitionary Letters.
4.—Appointment of Committees.
5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6.—Reports of Standing Committees.
7.—Reports of other Committees.
8.—Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9.—Report of Treasurer.
10.—Miscellaneous Business.
11.—Incidental and rountine motions shall be in order at any time.
12.—Adjournment.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

Elder J. L. STEWART, Clinton, N. C.

CLERK:

Elder F. H. IVEY, Goldsboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Elder W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman, Magnolia.

J. W. LANE,	D. J. MIDDLETON,	L. R. CARROLL,
D. N. PAGE,	L. R. HIGHSMITH,	W. J. MONTFORD.

TRUSTEES WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

L. R. CARROLL,	ISAAC BROWN,	J. P. FAISON,
C. H. SMITH,	W. J. MOORE,	A. W. CARLTON,
A. J. DANIEL,	S. M. CARLTON,	W. R. BELL,
R. J. WALKER,	J. K. WILLIAMS,	J. K. SMITH,
J. L. CARLTON,	G. S. BEST,	G. W. HUFHAM,
A. M. FAISON,	ISAIAH CARROLL,	WILLIAM BOYETT,
F. M. CARROLL,	E. J. COLWELL,	D. P. BLAND,
R. C. SANDLING,	J. C. HINES,	G. W. HOBBS,
J. N. STALLINGS,	J. T. ALBRITTON,	J. W. SWINSON,

Dr. J. A. DARDEN, J. L. STEWART,

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

L. R. CARROLL, S. M. CARLTON, J. L. BRITT,
D. P. BLAND, C. H. SMITH.

MINISTERS:

J. B. TAYLOR, Wilmington.	JOHN T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.
J. B. BARLOW, Wilmington.	J. R. OLIVER, Mt. Olive.
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store.	F. H. IVEY, Goldsboro.
C. C. NEWTON, Camera.	C. J. NELSON, Goldsboro.
H. M. CROOM, Wallace.	R. C. SANDLING, Mt. Olive.
J. N. STALLINGS, Clinton.	F. W. EASON, Newberne.
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia.	JACOB UTLEY, Morehead City.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.	T. J. LEARY, Beaufort.
G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.	E. A. BEST, Richlands.
J. L. BRITT, Warsaw.	D. F. AMAN, Sneed's Ferry.
J. L. STEWART, Clinton.	W. H. HOWARD, Point Caswell.
O. M. MATTHEWS, Clinton.	WM. BLAND, Hawley's Store.

W. B. KNIGHT, Snow Hill.

PROCEEDINGS.

RICHLANDS, Onslow Co., N. C., Oct. 3, 1882.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its 38th annual session, in Emma's Chapel.

In the absence of Elder R. C. Sandling, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, that service was performed by Elder J. B. Taylor, D. D. Text—Gal. 2: 20.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. L. Stewart, the former Moderator, called the Association to order, and Elder W. B. Knight conducted religious exercises.

Elder F. H. Ivey was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

On a call of the roll, a majority of the churches were found to be represented.

L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland were appointed reading clerks.

A committee of Finance was appointed, as follows: B. Matthews, F. M. Carroll, W. P. Kennedy.

A committee on religious exercises was appointed, consisting of the pastor and deacons of this church, and Elder E. A. Best, and L. R. Carroll.

Letters from the churches were read, and delegates enrolled, as follows:

ANTIOCH—J. C. Cox, R. D. Carroll.
BARLOW CHAPEL—James Andrews.
BEAR MARSH—E. H. Walker, R. J. Walker.
BEREA—T. H. Carter, J. A. Southerland.
BETHEL—M. H. Oates, F. P. Alderman, J. M. Merritt.
BETHLEHEM—B. F. Keith, Jr.
BEULAH—Elder J. L. Britt.
CANAAN—R. T. Carr, B. Elmore.
CAPERNAUM—B. M. Riggs. [No letter.]
CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart.
COLVIN'S CREEK—Represented by letter.
CONCORD—Represented by letter.

CORINTH—J. G. Boone, W. D. Wilkins.
DOBSON'S CHAPEL—O. D. Bostick, D. W. Bostick, W. Bradshaw.
EMMA'S CHAPEL—J. J. Jarman, F. D. Shaw, H. B. Marshburn.
ENON—E. W. Ward, R. G. Ward.
FALLING CREEK—Represented by letter.
FORT BARNWELL—James W. Biddle.
GOLDSBORO—Elder F. H. Ivey.
HALLSVILLE—E. W. Sanderson.
HAW BLUFF—J. F. Croom.
ISLAND CREEK—E. Heldt, C. C. Teachey, E. Rouse.
JOHNSON'S—Elder W. M. Kennedy, W. P. Kennedy.
KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton, W. H. Murray.
LISBON—Elder C. C. Newton, Oliver Blackburn.
LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring.
MAGNOLIA—B. C. Barden, I. W. Murray, P. G. Wilson.
MARY'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S. Best, F. M. Southerland, T. H. Rogers.
MASONBORO—Represented by letter.
MOORE'S CREEK—H. S. Alderman.
MOREHEAD CITY—J. T. Eaton.
MT. CALVARY—Elder J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince.
MT. GILEAD—A. C. Peterson, I. D. Alderman, B. Matthews.
MT. HOLLY—F. A. Fennell, K. F. Powers.
MT. OLIVE—O. Summerlin.
NEWBERN—Frank Duffy.
NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, F. M. Carroll, J. F. Williams.
PINEY GROVE, JONES—B. F. Dillahunt, S. O. Hall.
PINEY GROVE, ONSLOW—J. F. Holland, W. R. Wells, J. A. Phillips.
PINEY GROVE, SAMPSON—W. I. Lane, J. W. Lane.
POPLAR GROVE—Represented by letter.
RILEY'S CREEK—J. D. Hocut, E. D. Walker, D. F. Hines.
ROSE HILL—T. J. Jarman, W. P. Kelly, D. N. Page.
SALEM—Elder D. F. Aman.
SHILOH—J. T. Bland, J. B. Corbett.
SMYRNA—John Pate, M. F. Willis, A. S. Willis.
SNOW HILL—Elder W. B. Knight, J. B. Williams.
WARSAW—Elder J. N. Stallings, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton.
WELLS'S CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith.
WILMINGTON—Elder J. B. Taylor, A. Alderman.

Churches not represented—Beaufort, Boykin's Chapel, Caintuck Chapel, Davis's Shore, Fremont, Kinston, LaGrange, Middle Sound, Myrtle Grove, Olive Branch, Peniel, Trenton, Young Bethel, Union Chapel, Union, Woodville.

Delegates present, 87; churches represented, 50; unrepresented, 16.

The letters from Warsaw, Bethlehem, and Morehead City, were laid on the table. Those from Salem, Rose Hill, Barlow

Chapel, and Snow Hill, were referred to the Executive Committee.

The Association went into an election for officers.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: to take the ballot for Moderator, F. M. Southerland, M. H. Oates; for Clerk, F. Holland, A. S. Willis; for Treasurer, B. F. Dillahunt, Jas. A. Phillips.

Elder J. L. Stewart was elected Moderator; Elder F. H. Ivey, Clerk; and A. M. Faison, Treasurer.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees :

Foreign Missions.—J. B. Taylor, A. Alderman, A. M. Prince.

Ministerial Education.—J. T. Albritton, F. A. Fennell, J. D. Hocut.

Periodicals.—J. N. Stallings, E. Heldt.

Sunday Schools.—W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, S. M. Carlton.

Obituaries.—G. S. Best, R. C. Sandling, J. F. Williams.

Ministerial Support.—J. L. Britt, G. A. Herring, M. H. Oates.

Audit Treasurer's Account.—J. N. Stallings, J. T. Eaton, J. B. Williams.

Nominate Executive Committee.—E. W. Ward, A. C. Peterson, W. I. Lane.

Preachers for Next Association.—W. B. Knight, J. C. Cox, R. T. Carr.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren. Accepted by Elder John Mitchell, D. D., of the Chowan Association, representing the Chowan Baptist Female Institute; and by Elder C. S. Farriss, of the Central Association, Assistant Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and representing that paper.

It was announced that Elder C. S. Farriss would preach to-night.

The Association agreed to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preaching in the Methodist Church at 10 A. M. to-morrow by Elder C. C. Newton.

The Annual Missionary Sermon to be preached in this house to-morrow at 11:30 a. m., by Elder J. L. Stewart.

Adjourned, after prayer by Elder J. Mitchell, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Oct. 4, 1882.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder W. M. Kennedy called the Association to order.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Elder J. B. Taylor, a committee was ap-

pointed on the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Committee: Elders C. C. Newton and F. H. Ivey.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and the report on Foreign Missions was read. After remarks by Elders Mitchell and Taylor, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention have now 61 missionaries. Of these, there are in China 16 American missionaries, and 19 native assistant pastors and Bible women. In Africa, 5 missionaries and 3 native assistants. In Italy, 4 American and 10 Italian missionaries. In Brazil, 3 missionaries. In Mexico, 2 missionaries. The membership in Italy is 175; in Africa, 92; in China, 472; in Mexico, 200; in Brazil, 42. Total, 981.

When we remember our Lord's last command, and the debt of love we owe to him, and when we contemplate the spiritual condition of millions of our race; when we remember how God has smiled upon the Foreign missionary enterprise, and how He has blessed the churches which have engaged in it, we shall surely feel that Southern Baptists ought to do much more than they are doing. Let us of the Eastern Association see that we are faithful to the obligations resting upon us. Let our pastors keep before their churches the duty and privilege of sending the Gospel to the heathen. Let our churches encourage the monthly concert of prayer for missions; the circulation of the Foreign Mission *Journal*, and the mite box system of collecting funds. Boxes can be had by applying to Brother H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we gratefully recognise the goodness of God in honoring our Association by calling to the Foreign field our dear brother D. W. Herring, a member of one of our churches; and we feel that we have another motive to interest us in the great Foreign mission enterprise.

J. B. TAYLOR,
ALLISON ALDERMAN,
A. M. PRINCE.

On motion, any member of this Association who shall attend any Association with which we correspond, is hereby authorized to represent this body as a correspondent.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, Elder W. M. Kennedy, and discussed by Elders Kennedy, G. S. Best, and Taylor, and brethren J. T. Bland, L. R. Carroll, J. T. Eaton, and J. W. Lane. Pending the discussion, the hour for preaching the annual Missionary Sermon arrived.

Elder J. N. Stallings was appointed to preach at the same time at the Methodist Church.

F. M. Carroll was granted leave of absence.

Elder J. L. Stewart then preached the Missionary Sermon, from Mat. 28: 19, 20.

A collection was then taken up for Missions, amounting to $21.40. A collection was also taken at the Methodist Church, amounting to $3.21.

The Moderator announced additional committees, as follows:

To nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Oliver Blackburn, B. F. Keith, Jr., R. D. Carroll.

To revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School—D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, A. M. Faison.

The Association adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock. Singing.

The report of the Executive Committee was again taken up, and further discussed by L. R. Carroll, and J. B. Taylor.

On motion, the roll of the churches was called, and the following pledges were made for Associational Missions.

Wilmington $30, Masonboro $5, Mt. Holly $5, Riley's Creek $10, Long Creek $5, Moore's Creek $5, Haw Bluff $5, Wells's Chapel $15, Bethel $10, Lisbon $10, Mt. Gilead $10, Clinton $10, New Hope $20, Beulah $5, Piney Grove, Sampson, $15, Canaan $5, Falling Creek $10, Mt. Calvary $8, Goldsboro $20, Mt. Olive $15, Bear Marsh $12, Mary's Chapel $10, Johnson's $15, Warsaw $25, Magnolia $10, Corinth $8, Berea $3, Island Creek $10, Dobson's Chapel $5, Kenansville $10, Emma's Chapel $2.50, Enon $10, Piney Grove, Onslow, $5, Piney Grove, Jones, $8, Morehead City $5, Smyrna $5, Snow Hill $5, Fort Barnwell $5. Total, $371.50.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Shortly after the last session of your body, Bro. E. F. Cox tendered his resignation as a member of the committee; so that we have had only six members in active service during the year.

Missionaries employed by the committee during the year. Elders T. J. Leary, W. B. Knight, and C. S. Cashwell.

THE WORK DONE.

Bro. Leary has labored at Woodville, Enon, Rose Hill, and Piney Grove, Jones. He reports ten baptisms and accessions by letter. He has made many visits, and attended Prayer Meetings and Sunday School lectures, and in various ways served the Master's cause, with great satisfaction to his brethren, and with good results to the cause of Christ.

Elder W. B. Knight has been sustained by the joint efforts of the State Mission Board and the Executive Committee of our Association. He has labored at points within the bounds of the Old Pamlico Association. His labors have been greatly blessed. He reports 7 baptisms, one new house of worship built, and the prospects are bright for a glorious harvest.

Elder Cashwell has been laboring as general missionary of the Board. He has preached principally in the counties of Duplin, Onslow, Lenoir, Craven, Jones, and Carteret, and has baptized 39 persons, and assisted in meetings where 37 others have been baptized. He has organized one church, and has three new houses of worship in course of erection; has preached 175 sermons, and attended many prayer meetings, and visited many families; has secured 13 subscribers for the Recorder, and collected from his field $217.87.

Bro. Cashwell has done a great work for Christ during the year, and reports the fields as wide and ripening for the harvest.

Dear brethren in Christ, the past year has been one of great joy to your committee. Our humble labors have been crowned with success, and God has blessed our efforts beyond our expectations. A greater work has been done this year within our bounds than at any other period during our missionary operations.

There is a demand for at least two missionaries in the field during the coming year. With profound gratitude to God for His blessings upon our humble labors, we submit our report for your consideration. W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read. Remarks on the subject were made by J. B. Taylor and L. R. Carroll; and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Nothing has been accomplished during the year. The chairman made several ineffectual efforts to get the members of the Board together. Two of the members failed to attend at any meeting. The other members attended, but not together; so that no regular meeting was held. As a special committee has been raised by the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools, we do not feel that it is expected for us to make any report upon the general subject. We submit that it is deemed advisable to continue a Sunday School Board, and that it be composed of brethren who can and will give a part of their time to the work.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. N. STALLINGS, Chairman.

The report on periodicals was read; and speeches made on the subject by Elders J. N. Stallings and C. S. Farriss; and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At this day, it is useless to argue the utility and necessity of religious publications. It is an admitted fact that we cannot do without them.

We recommend to our people the Biblical Recorder, our State paper, which is eminently sound in doctrine, and is managed with ability and discretion. Also, Kind Words, our Sunday School paper, published at Macon, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., both of which are exactly what are needed by our members upon these subjects. We recommend that our ministers, and the delegates to this Association, use their best efforts to put a copy of these publications, especially the Recorder, in every Baptist family in our bounds. We further recommend that each church be requested to send up in its statistics the number of copies of the Recorder taken by its members, and that the same be incorporated in our Minutes.

J. N. STALLINGS.
E. HELDT.

The Finance Committee reported, and the report was adopted.

The committee to nominate an Executive Committee reported. Report adopted. [See 2d page.]

On motion, the funds in hands of Finance committee were ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Association.

Committee to revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. [See 2d page]

A letter accompanying the Newbern church letter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The report on Ministerial Education was read, and remarks were made by Elder Mitchell. After which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Brethren: Your Committee are glad to report, that of the 145 students now at Wake Forest College, 27 are preparing themselves for the gospel ministry. Those dear brethren should have our sympathy and substantial aid.

Under the increasing educational facilities of the age, our churches are growing in intelligence and efficiency, as well as in numbers. The pulpit must at least keep pace with the pew in intellectual culture. The demand for an Educated Ministry is becoming more and more urgent among us every year.

While we would not forget the great good accomplished by our uneducated ministers in the past, but rather thank God that we owe much of our present prosperity and usefulness to their consecrated lives and labors, yet we feel that we should not only pray for more young men to preach the gospel, but also provide for them the highest degree of intellectual training practicable.

God has been pleased to call to the work of the ministry but few rich men. Those called to this work are generally the sons of poverty, who, for want of means, are unable to qualify themselves for their life-work. Hence the imperative necessity of helping, with our money as well as our sympathy, such young brethren to prepare themselves for their calling.

Brethren, a great responsibility is laid upon us by the head of the church. The indications of Providence, the struggles of our young men in trying to prepare themselves for their work, the rapid growth of our denomination throughout the State, and the increasing prevalence of every form of error and infidelity, all call loudly upon us to bestir ourselves to greater activity in the cause of ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON.
F. A. FENNELL.
J. D. HOCUT.

Delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, as follows:

J. L. Stewart, F. H. Ivey, J. B. Taylor, J. N. Stallings, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, C. C. Newton, R. C. Sandling, W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton, F. W. Eason, C. S. Cashwell, J. P. Faison, H. M. Croom, W. B. Knight, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, J. T. Eaton, E. W. Ward, A. S. Willis, D. J. Corbett, J. T. Bland.

Ordered, that the collections in the churches to-day be divided between State and Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer of the Association was instructed to pay over to the proper persons the funds in his hands.

Leave of absence was granted to J. Andrews. D. F. Aman, J. C. Cox, R. D. Carroll, B. F. Dillahunt.

Elder F. H. Ivey was appointed to preach to-night.

Elder John Mitchell made a full statement in reference to the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and commended it to the patronage of our people.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder R. C. Sandling.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Oct. 5, 1882.

The Association met at 10 o'clock, Moderator in the Chair. The roll was called, and list of delegates corrected.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and passed.

Moved to reconsider the motion to adopt the report on Ministerial Education. Carried.

Moved, that the roll of the churches be called and pledges taken for Ministerial Education. Remarks were made by brethren Taylor, Bland, Sandling, and Newton; and the motion prevailed.

The roll was called, and the following amounts pledged to the State Board of Education:

Wilmington $30, Mt. Holly $5, Riley's Creek $5, Long Creek $2.50, Shiloh $5, Bethlehem $5, Wells's Chapel $15, Bethel $5, Lisbon $5, Mt. Gilead $5, Clinton $5, New Hope $10, Piney Grove, Sampson, $5, Falling Creek $5, Mt. Calvary $5, Goldsboro $50, Mt. Olive $5, Bear Marsh $5, Warsaw $20, Kenansville $5, Emma's Chapel $3.50, Rose Hill $3, Enon 2.50. Individual pledges: J. N. Stallings $10, J. T. Bland $5, W. M. Kennedy and family $5, C. C. Newton, paid $5, H. D. Spain $5, S. E. Loftin, paid, $5, E. W. Ward $2.50, F. M. Southerland $1, A. Alderman $1, F. A. Fennell $2.50, J. P. Cox $1, Miss Belle Alderman, paid, $1, Miss Mollie Herring $1, Miss Cornelia Alderman $1, H. M. Croom $1, Mrs. M. H. Oates $1, T. H. Rogers 50 cents. Total, $255.00

The report on Ministerial Education was then adopted.

The report on the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was presented. After remarks by C. C. Newton and J. B. Taylor, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board, formely located at Marion, Ala., was, at the last Southern Baptist Convention, moved to Atlanta, Ga. From this change of place, and the appointment of a new Corresponding Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, whose entire time will be given to this work, we may expect the Board to start out on a career of usefulness that will excel even the grand work already done.

The field of operations of the Home Board is very extensive, embracing the South, West, Indian Territory, California, and the great South West.

This Board does not supplant, or do the work of State Boards, but appoints missionaries in States where the destitution is greatest.

The Board now has 38 missionaries in the field: 5 in Ala., 2 in Ark., 2 in Cal., 13 in Fla., 2 in La., 1 in N. C., 1 in Ten., 2 in Tex., 1 in Va., and 6 in the Indian Territory.

The three most important points of the Home Mission work are:

1st, New Orleans. Dr. Landrum is laboring in that city. His church, Coliseum Place, has been burdened, and his work hindered, by a $5,000 debt, which will soon be paid.

2d, among the Chinese in California, where Dr. Hartwell is meeting with encouraging success. It is a fact well known that the Chinese will never settle permanently in this country. Let us give them the gospel, and set their hearts on fire with love to Jesus, so that when they return they will spread the leaven of truth among the 400,000,000 of their countrymen.

3d, among the Indians in the Indian Territory. It was once thought that the Indian could not be civilized; but now this thought is forever exploded. There is no minister among us whose labors have been so abundantly blessed as those of Dr. Buckner among the Indians. The Levering mission school is also doing a grand work.

Here are the heathen at our own door. We can preach the gospel to all nations, and stay at home. God has given the people of this land a grand opportunity of doing something for his glory. Will we improve it?

C. C. NEWTON.
F. H. IVEY.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported; and the report was discussed by L. R. Carroll, Dr. Mitchell, and S. E. Loftin.

It was moved to amend the report, by providing for the appointment of a Sunday School Board, who shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to Sunday Schools, and shall report in full to the Association. The amendment was adopted.

The report as amended was passed.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sunday Schools, regret that they have not had time to examine the church letters, so as to enable them to make a correct report of the work now being done by our churches. We rejoice to state, however, that the outlook is very hopeful, and that this most important christian enterprise is gaining a firmer hold upon our people from year to year.

We earnestly recommend that a Sunday School be organized in every church within our bounds, where one does not already exist.

We also recommend that the Bible be the great Sunday School book in all our Schools, and that as far as possible, pious teachers be selected to expound it to our children. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY.
S. M. CARLTON.
H. M. CROOM.

The report on Ministerial Support was read and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

So far as we know, there are only three pastors within our bounds who are supported exclusively by the churches.

This shows that our churches are very little interested upon this subject.

Your committee think this an important matter, deserving the serious and prayerful consideration of the churches.

The Lord hath ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

We know that a church cannot live long without a preacher.

The churches that support their pastors, continually grow; while those that do not, struggle for existence in proportion as they fail to sustain them.

Your committee most earnestly urge upon the churches the importance of having pastors in the true sense of the word, and sustaining them according to the gospel plan. Respectfully Submitted.

J. L. BRITT.
G. A. HERRING.
M. H. OATES.

The commiittee to nominate stated preachers for the next session, reported as follows:

Introductory sermon, Elder W. M. Kennedy; Alternate, Elder C. C. Newton. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. B. Taylor, D. D.; Alternate, Elder F. W. Eason.

These nominations were confirmed.

The committee on Obituaries reported, and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee report that, during the present associational year the head of the

church has been pleased to take from us our beloved brother, Daniel T. George, deacon of Riley's Creek Church. He had been an active member of the church about 25 years, and the greater part of that time, in the deaconship. He departed his life on the 23d of September, 1882, in the confidence and affection of his brethren, in peace with God, and in the hope of a blissful inmortality.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. S. BEST.
R. C. SANDLING.
J. B. WILLIAMS.

The report of the Auditing committee was presented, and adopted.

On motion, a collection was taken to aid Elder Jacob Utley, amounting to $19.88.

A committee consisting of J. N. Stallings, G. A. Herring, and J. W. Lane, was appointed to nominate a Sunday School Board.

The letters from Bethlehem and Morehead City were taken from the table.

Moved to appoint the place of meeting of the next Association, by calling the roll. Carried. The roll was called.

Bethlehem was chosen as the place of the next meeting of the Association.

The Sunday School Board was appointed as follows: L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton, J. L. Britt, D. P. Bland, and C. H. Smith.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Minister's Relief Fund be requested to pay such amount, quarterly, for the benefit of Rev. Jacob Utley, as by the charter he may legally do, provided the amount is not larger than $25.00 per quarter.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the clerk be requested to write, immediately after the adjournment, to those churches from which no pledges have been received for Associational Missions, and for the Education Board, and ask them what they are willing to do for these objects.

The Clerk was instructed to have printed some revised church letters, and forward two copies to each church.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Richlands, and surrounding community, for generous and ample hospitalities; and to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for the use of their houses of worship.

The Clerk was directed to have printed and distributed

fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes; and to pay the expense of distribntion out of the Minute fund.

The Clerk was allowed $15.00 for his services; and was directed to turn over to the Executive Committee, for the Itinerancy, any unexpended Minute fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates and ministers of this Association be requested to present the needs of the churches at Morehead City and Catharine's Lake to their churches, and ask for contributions to build houses at these places.

On motion of Elder J. N. Stallings, it was ordered that the balance shown on hand by the Treasurer's account, to-wit: $52.24, be paid as follows: $33.35 for Associational Missions, and $18.89 to the Sunday School Board of the Association.

The business having been finished, Elder W. M. Kennedy made some appropriate closing remarks, a parting hymn was sung, the brethren bade one another a tearful good-bye, Elder J. L. Stewart led in prayer, and then the Association adjourned, to meet with the Bethlehem church, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1883.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

F. H. IVEY, Clerk.

PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Introductory Sermon: Elder W. M. Kennedy. Alternate: Elder O. C. Newton.

Missionary Sermon: Elder J. B. Taylor. Alternate: F. W. Eason.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1883, Bethlehem Church, Pender county, is on Black River, twenty miles above Wilmington, by steamer. Elder J. P. Faison is pastor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. FAISON, *in Account With Eastern Association—*

DR.

To balance on hand at last report	$ 37 64	
Received from Finance Committee of 1881	510 02—	$547 66

CR.

Paid T. H. Pritchard for State Mission Board	$200 00	
Paid Treasurer Executive Committee	189 30	
Paid for printing minutes	40 50	
Paid clerk and postage on minutes	25 00	
Paid Building Committee of Emma's Chapel	39 63	
Error of Finance Committee	99	
Balance on hand October 4, 1882	52 24—	$547 66

Examined and found correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
J. B. WILLIAMS,
J. T. EATON,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer Executive Committee, in Account With Eastern Association—*

DR.

To balance on hand	$150 25	
Collected from Hallsville Sunday-school	2 38	
Hallsville, old pledge	5 00	
Public collection at Hallsville	6 36	
Public collection at Masonboro	12 30	
S. E. Loftin	10 00	
Riley's Creek	2 00	
Public collection at Falling Creek	2 80	
Kenansville	3 11	
Magnolia	1 00	
Clinton	3 32	
Mt. Olive Union Meeting	2 63	
Long Creek	3 00	
Wilmington	25 00	
Received from Treas. of Association at present session	222 40—	$451 55

CR.

Paid W. M. Kennedy's expenses to Raleigh	$ 5 55	
Paid C. S. Cashwell	100 00	
Paid T. J. Leary	75 00	
Paid W. B. Knight	50 00	
Total	$230 55	
Balance on hand, October 4, 1882	221 00—	$451 55

Examined and found correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
J. B. WILLIAMS,
J. T. EATON,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Sunday school Board.	Home and Indian Mission Board.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 25
Barlow Chapel	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	40	5 40
Bear Marsh	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	12 00
Berea	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	6 00
Bethel	.....	.....	5 00	12 50	.....	.....	2 00	19 50
Bethlehem	3 00	5 00	14 25	4 00	.....	.....	1 50	27 75
Beulah	.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	.....	50	6 90
Canaan	.....	.....	3 50	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	9 50
Clinton	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	1 00	16 00
Colvin's Creek	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	50	2 50
Concord	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 50
Corinth	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	6 50
Dobson's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	1 30	4 55
Emma's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50
Enon	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	1 00	11 00
Falling Creek	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	12 00
Fort Barnwell	.....	.....	4 50	8 00	.....	.....	1 00	13 50
Goldsboro	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	3 00	13 00
Hallsville	.....	1 20	3 50	.....	.....	.....	1 25	5 95
Haw Bluff	2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	2 58	3 00	2 00	22 58
Island Creek	.....	10 00	3 65	.....	.....	.....	1 80	15 45
Johnson's	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	2 05	17 05
Kenansville	3 00	.....	1 14	8 00	.....	.....	1 30	13 44
Lisbon	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	75	10 75
Long Creek	.....	.....	2 08	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 08
Magnolia	.....	.....	2 64	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	14 64
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	2 50	7 00	.....	.....	1 50	11 00
Masonboro	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	1 55	.....	3 00	11 55
Moore's Creek	.....	5 59	8 55	1 65	1 06	1 29	1 25	19 39
Morehead City	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 00
Mt. Calvary	.....	.....	11 10	5 00	.....	.....	50	16 60
Mt. Gilead	2 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	14 50
Mt. Holly	5 00	.....	8 98	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	20 46
Mt. Olive	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	20 00
Newbern	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	8 00
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50
Piney Grove, Jones	.....	.....	.....	5 75	.....	.....	2 50	8 25
Piney Grove, Onslow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Piney Grove, Sampson	.....	.....	.....	10 75	.....	.....	2 00	12 75
Poplar Grove	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	75	4 75
Riley's Creek	.....	.....	2 61	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	14 61
Rose Hill	.....	.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	1 00	8 10
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	97	97
Shiloh	5 00	.....	11 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	22 50
Smyrna	.....	2 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	11 00
Snow Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Warsaw	15 00	4 00	4 00	15 00	.....	.....	2 00	40 00
Wells's Chapel	10 00	.....	9 10	10 00	.....	.....	1 50	30 60
Wilmington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4 00
Mrs. G. W. Moseley	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Dr. J. D. Roberts	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
C. C. Newton	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
S. E. Loftin	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Miss Belle Alderman	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Individuals	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Collection for J. Utley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 82
Halt collection	.....	12 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 80
Half collection	.....	.....	12 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 31
Total	81 50	68 59	128 49	246 80	5 19	4 29	78 07	627 31

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Sunday-school Board.	Home and Indian Mission Board.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total for All Objects.
Antioch	60 00								340 00	1 25	401 25
Barlow Chapel	27 24	3 25				5 00				40	35 89
Bear Marsh	139 00		5 00			5 00				2 00	142 00
Berea	75 00					3 00				3 00	81 00
Bethel					5 00	12 50				2 00	19 50
Bethlehem	100 00		3 00	5 00	14 25	4 00				1 50	127 75
Beulah						6 40				50	6 90
Canaan	80 00				3 50	5 00	12 00			1 00	101 50
Clinton			5 00			10 00				1 00	16 00
Colvin's Creek	50 00				2 00					50	52 50
Concord				2 50						1 00	3 50
Corinth	125 00					5 00				1 50	131 50
Dobson's Chapel						3 25				1 30	4 55
Emma's Chapel										1 50	1 50
Enon	100 00					10 00			30 00	1 00	141 00
Falling Creek	105 00					10 00				2 00	117 00
Fort Barnwell					4 50	8 00				2 00	13 50
Goldsboro	900 00	130 00	50 00		12 80	10 00	10 00	13 50	21 00	3 00	1150 30
Hallsville				1 20	3 50					1 25	5 95
Haw Bluff			2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	2 58	3 00		2 00	22 58
Island Creek	100 00			10 00	3 65					1 80	115 45
Johnson's	75 00					15 00				2 05	92 05
Kenansville	100 00		3 00		1 14	8 00			11 58	1 30	125 02
Lisbon	125 00		5 00			5 00				75	135 75
Long Creek	75 00				2 08	3 00				1 00	81 08
Magnolia	100 00				2 64	10 00			10 00	2 00	124 64

Mary's Chapel					2 50	7 00				1 50	11 00
Masonboro	100 00	35 00		5 00	2 00		1 55			3 00	146 55
Moore's Creek	75 00	15 00		5 59	8 55	1 65	1 06	1 29		1 25	109 39
Morehead City						5 00				1 00	6 00
Mt. Calvary	30 00				11 10	5 00				50	46 60
Mt. Gilead			2 50	10 00						2 00	14 50
Mt. Holly	125 00		5 00		8 96	5 00				1 50	145 46
Mt. Olive	150 00		3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00			12 10	2 00	182 10
Newbern				9 00	6 83		5 15	7 92		3 00	31 90
New Hope	150 00				11 80	10 00			8 00	1 50	181 30
Piney Grove, Jones						5 75				2 50	8 25
Piney Grove, Onslow	50 00									2 00	52 00
Piney Grove, Sampson	175 00					10 75			5 00	2 00	192 75
Poplar Grove	75 00					4 00				75	79 75
Riley's Creek	125 00				2 61	10 00			33 60	2 00	173 21
Rose Hill	75 00				2 10					1 00	78 10
Salem	29 69	24 00								97	54 66
Shiloh	100 00	18 80	5 00		11 00	5 00				1 50	141 30
Smyrna				2 00	2 00	5 00				2 00	11 00
Snow Hill	30 00	5 00								1 00	36 00
Warsaw	250 00		15 00	4 00	4 00	15 00				2 00	290 00
Wells's Chapel	125 00	35 00	10 00		9 10	10 00			6 00	1 50	196 60
Wilmington	1800 00	732 29	100 00	28 00	28 00	28 00		30 00	200 00	4 00	2950 29
Miscellaneous			16 00	12 30	12 31	9 00			19 88		69 49
Total	5791 93	998 34	231 59	100 59	187 92	284 30	32 34	55 71	697 16	78 07	8457 86

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Antioch	4	1	....	....	.....	.....	.....	11	18	.....	29	Fourth Sunday.
Barlow Chapel	1	1	.....	2	.....	1	.....	4	10	.....	14	Second Sunday.
Bear Marsh	21	4	....	5	2	4	4	62	125	.....	187	Third Sunday.
Berea	18	....	....	....	8	3	4	33	54	.....	87	Second Sunday.
Bethel	35	2	....	....	2	1	.....	29	58	.....	87	Fourth Sunday.
Bethlehem	....	....	....	....	2	3	2	34	81	.....	115	Second Sunday.
Beulah	....	....	....	....	4	.....	1	23	33	.....	56	First Sunday.
Canaan	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	8	27	7	42	Third Sunday.
Clinton	....	3	....	....	2	.....	2	15	41	.....	56	Third Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	6	7	....	....	3	.....	.....	27	19	.....	46	First Sunday.
Concord	....	....	....	....	1	1	.....	28	47	15	90	First Sunday.
Corinth	44	4	....	4	.....	1	2	50	70	.....	120	Third Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	.....	14	28	.....	42	
Emma's Chapel	16	4	5	....	.....	.....	.....	18	28	.....	46	First and Fourth Sundays.
Enon	8	1	....	3	1	2	.....	21	34	.....	55	Second Sunday.
Falling Creek	8	....	....	....	1	2	1	21	47	.....	68	Second Sunday.
Fort Barnwell	15	4	....	....	.....	3	1	16	18	.....	34	
Goldsboro	2	8	....	....	4	1	1	57	120	.....	177	Every Sunday.
Hallsville	1	....	....	....	3	2	1	35	82	.....	117	Fourth Sunday.
Haw Bluff	....	....	....	....	4	5	2	42	74	.....	116	Third Sunday.
Island Creek	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	2	58	117	.....	175	First Sunday.
Johnson's	...	1	....	...	3	5	.....	41	94	16	151	First Sunday.
Kenansville	....	2	....	.....	1	.....	.....	18	38	.....	56	Second Sunday.
Lisbon	.....	....	....	....	3	1	2	41	50	.....	91	First Sunday.
Long Creek	19	1	....	1	1	4	.....	48	63	.....	111	First Sunday.
Magnolia	5	2	....	....	1	.....	3	76	106	.....	182	Fourth Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	10	....	.....	....	2	2	.....	34	33	.....	67	Fourth Sunday.

Masonboro	7	1	....	....	5	1	1	70	94	2	166	Second Sunday.
Moore's Creek	4	3	....	3	6	5	1	44	63	.....	107	Fourth Sunday.
Morehead City	6	2	....	....	2	3	2	11	38	.....	49	Third Sunday.
Mt. Calvary	.....	....	....	....	5	.....	.....	6	10	.....	16	First Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	.....	3	....	....	7	1	1	35	72	.....	107	Fourth Sunday.
Mt. Holly	36	1	....	1	5	.....	1	58	106	1	165	First Sunday.
Mt. Olive	13	3	....	.....	7	.....	1	38	71	.....	109	Second Sunday.
Newbern	52	7	.....	5	2	17	3	56	127	.....	183	Every Sunday.
New Hope	.....	....	....	....	.....	1	.....	73	116	.....	189	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove, Jones	2	....	....	2	13	10	3	17	35	.....	52	No Pastor.
Piney Grove, Onslow	10	2	....	.....	2	3	3	26	46	.....	72	First Sunday.
Piney Grove, Sampson	....	.....	....	....	9	2	5	57	113	11	181	Second Sunday.
Poplar Grove	.....	3	....	....	.....	.....	1	14	18	.....	32	Third Sunday.
Riley's Creek	56	4	.....	3	.....	.....	1	50	104	.....	154	Third Sunday.
Rose Hill	1	3	....	....	.....	.....	.....	6	12	.....	18	Third Sunday.
Salem	14	9	....	1	.....	1	1	12	27	.....	39	First and Third Sundays.
Shiloh	24	2	....	4	3	1	1	60	114	.....	174	Third Sunday.
Smyrna	9	....	....	2	3	2	1	24	58	.....	82	No Pastor.
Snow Hill	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	2	6	8	.....	14	Third Sunday.
Warsaw	8	3	....	....	3	6	3	97	145	.....	242	Third and Fourth Sundays.
Wells's Chapel	12	1	....	1	11	.....	1	67	99	.....	166	Second Sunday.
Wilmington	20	9	....	2	16	3	5	120	247	.....	367	Every Sunday.
Total	487	107	5	40	147	97	65	1811	3238	52	5101	

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O.	CLERKS and their P. O.
Antioch, Pitt county.....	W B Knight, Snow Hill....	J C Cox, Greenville.....
Barlow Chapel, Pender co.	D F Aman, Sneed's Ferry..	R M Sidbury, Sloop Point..
Bear Marsh, Duplin county.	R C Sandling, Mt. Olive....	W J Walker, Mt. Olive.....
Beaufort, Carteret county.	No Pastor.....	John D Davis, Beaufort.....
Beres, Sampson county.....	J B Barlow, Wilmington...	G F Dempsey, Wallace.....
Bethel, Sampson county....	C C Newton, Camera.....	M H Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Bethlehem, Pender county.	J P Faison, Harrell's Store.	B F Keith, Sr., Pt Caswell..
Beulah, Sampson county...	J L Britt, Warsaw.....	J T Moore, Warsaw.....
Canaan, Sampson county...	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive...	R T Carr, Newton Grove...
*Caintuck Chapel, Pender	W H Howard, Pt. Caswell..	D J Corbett, Natmore.....
*Capernaum, Onslow co...	D F Aman, Sneed's Fer'y..	Jno R White, Mayville.....
Clinton, Sampson co.....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	C P Johnson, Clinton.....
Colvin's Creek, Pender co..	J W Gurganus, Abbottsburg	W G Harrell, Pt. Caswell..
Concord, Duplin county....	G W Hufman, Warsaw.....	L R Matthews, Rose Hill....
Corinth, Duplin county....	G S Best, Kenansville.....	Ira J Johnson, Rose Hill....
Dobson's Chapel, Duplin co.	G S Best, Kenansville.....	Thos Kilpatrick, Hallsville.
Emma's Chapel, Onslow co.	W M Kennedy, Magnolia..	H B Marshburn, Richlands.
Enon, Onslow county.....	T J Leary, Beaufort.....	L O Fonvielle, Duck Creek.
Falling Creek. Wayne co...	G S Best, Kenansville.....	W G Britt, Goldsboro.....
Fort Barnwell, Craven co..	No Pastor.....	Jas W Biddle, Cobbton.....
*Fremont, Wayne county..	No Pastor.....	G W Merritt, Fremont.....
Goldsboro, Wayne county..	F H Ivey, Goldsboro.....	T B Parker, Goldsboro.....
Hallsville, Duplin county...	H M Croom, Wallace.....	J D Brown, Hallsville.....
Haw Bluff, Bladen county..	J P Faison, Harrell's Store.	J F Croom. Pt. Caswell.....
Island Creek, Duplin county	Geo. S. Best, Kenansville..	H T Savage, Wallace.....
Johnson's, Duplin county..	H S Spivey, Clinton.....	L Middleton, Warsaw.....
Kenansville, Duplin county	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive....	D J Middleton, Warsaw.....
*Kinston, Lenoir county....	No pastor.....	James F Hill, Kinston.....
Lisbon, Sampson county....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	R Herring, Herringsville...
Long Creek, Pender county	J B Barlow, Wilmington...	J H Brinson, Long Creek...
Magnolia, Duplin county...	W M Kennedy, Magnolia...	G W Carroll, Magnolia.....
Mary's Chapel, Duplin co..	G S Best, Kenansville.....	F M Southerland, K'ville....
Masonboro, New Hanover..	W M Kennedy, Magnol a...	B S Montford, Wilmington
Moore's Creek, Pender co..	J P Faison, Harrell's Store	C P Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Morehead City, Carteret co	Jacob Utley, Morehead City	J. T Eaton, Hollywood.....
Mt Calvary. Wayne co.....	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive...	R A Parker, Brogden's Mill.
Mt. Gilead, Sampson co....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	Jno J Vann, Clinton.....
Mt. Holly, Pender county..	C C Newton, Camera.....	I Carroll, South Washington
Mt. Olive, Wayne county...	R C Sandling, Mt. Olive....	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive....
Newbern, Craven county...	F W Eason, Newbern.....	F W Hancock, Newbern....
New Hope, Sampson co....	J N Stallings, Warsaw.....	J L Carroll, Six Runs.....
*Olive Branch, N. Hanover.	J B Barlow, Wilmington...	D H Workman, Wilmi'g.on.
Piney Grove, Jones county.	No pastor,.....	J H Whitty, Pollocksville..
Piney Grove, Onslow co....	T J Leary, Beaufort.....	W E Morton, Swansboro....
Piney Grove. Sampson co...	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	J W Lane, Faison's.....
Poplar Grove, Sampson co..	J L Britt, Warsaw.....	W D Stevens. Faison's.....
Riley's Creek, Pender co...	W M Kennedy, Magnolia..	W B Hocut, Rocky Point...
Rose Hill, Onslow county..	T J Leary, Beaufort.....	D N Page, Tar Landing.....
Salem, Onslow county.....	D F Aman, Sneed's Ferry..	J. D. Congleton, S'ds Ferry
Shiloh, Pender county.....	C C Newton, Camera.....	H A Bland, Moore's Creek...
Smyrna, Carteret county...	No pastor.....	A S Willis, Smyrna.....
Snow Hill, Greene county..	W B Knight, Snow Hill....	E D Sugg, Snow Hill.....
Warsaw, Duplin county....	J N Stallings, Clinton.....	S M Carlton, Warsaw.....
Wells's Chapel, Sampson...	C C Newton, Camera.....	L R Highsmith Harrells St'c
Wilmington, New Hanover.	J B Taylor, Wilmington..	Jas W Collins, Wilmington.

*Taken from former minutes.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.
Bethlehem	B. F. Keith, Jr.	6	50
Canaan	Jas. Ingram	6	40
Colvin's Creek	R. C. Henry	8	45
Concord	W. H. Moore	6	40
Corinth	I. J. Johnson	10	80
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee	6	46
Falling Creek	W. H. Hood	11	61
Goldsboro	H. L. Grant	19	128
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	4	30
Island Creek	C. Harrell	4	42
Johnson's	J. H. Gillespie	7	50
Long Creek	M. E. Herring	2	46
Magnolia	J. T. Carroll	9	65
Mary's Chapel	T. H. Rogers	6	31
Masonboro	E. Hewlett	8	70
Moore's Creek	C. P. Woodcock	6	40
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Moseley	6	70
Mt. Holly	I. Carroll	5	35
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver	12	90
Newbern	C. C. Clark	21	160
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	6	70
Piney Grove, Onslow	W. E. Morton	6	30
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell	5	30
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	6	60
Rose Hill	D. N. Page	6	31
Salem	J. D. Congleton	5	35
Shiloh	H. A. Bland	5	80
Smyrna	A. S. Willis	8	94
Warsaw	I. Brown	9	70
Wells's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	7	30
Wilmington	W. A. French	24	236

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christain sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secute it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association: and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

Elder J. L. STEWART, Clinton, N. C.

CLERK:

L. T. CARROLL, Willard, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Elder W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman, Warsaw, N. C.

J. W. LANE,	L. R. CARROLL,	L. R. HIGHSMITH,
D. J. MIDDLETON,	D. N. PAGE,	W. J. MONTFORD,

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

L. R. CARROLL,	J. P. FAISON,	K. L. POWERS,
C. H. SMITH,	J. L. STEWART,	BENNETT BREWER
A. J. DANIEL,	W. R. BELL,	J. M. WOOTEN,
A. M. FAISON,	J. K. SMITH,	W. G. BRINSON,
F. M. CARROLL,	G. W. HUFHAM,	J. T. EATON,
ISAAC BROWN,	WM BOYETTE,	JNO. D DAVIS,
S. M. CARLTON,	D. P. BLAND.	D. N. PAGE,
G. S. BEST,	ELIJAH HEWLETT,	W. J. MONTFORD,
E. J. COLWELL,	JNO. B. BARLOW,	O. P. MIDDLETON,

THEO. WHITFIELD, D. D., T. H. PRITCHARD, D D.

MINISTERS:

T. H. PRITCHARD, Wilmington.	R. C. SANDLING, Mt. Olive.
J. B. BARLOW, Wilmington.	T. J. LEARY, Harlowe.
J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store.	D. F. AMAN, Sneed's Ferry.
J. N. STALLINGS, Clinton.	W. B. KNIGHT, Snow Hill.
W. M. KENNEDY, Warsaw.	T. A. REID, Beaufort.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.	H. S. SPIVEY, Clinton.
J. L. BRITT, Warsaw.	THEO. WHITFIELD, Goldsboro.
J. L. STEWART, Clinton.	C. S. CASHWELL Kinston.
J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.	C. A JENKENS, Newbern.

PROCEEDINGS.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Pender Co., N. C.,
October 9th, 1883.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Thirty-ninth Annual Session at the church at Bethlehem.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Text—I Kings, 17: 4.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. L. Stewart, the former Moderator, called the Association to order, and Elder T. J. Leary conducted religious exercises.

L. T. Carroll was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

On a call of the roll a majority of the churches were found to be represented.

L. R. Carroll and D. J. Corbett were appointed Reading Clerks.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, as follows: L. R. Highsmith, E. L. Larkins and J. T. Bland.

A Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of this church, and B. F. Keith, Sr., and T. O. Flinn.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—Elder W. B. Knight.
BARLOW CHAPEL—James Andrews, Elder D. F. Aman.
BEAR MARSH—W. P. Kornegay. (No letter.)
BEREA—Hiram B. Stallings.
BEAUFORT—Elder T. A. Reid.
BETHEL—C. C. Johnson, N. F. Register.
BETHLEHEM—R. W. Pridgen, W. P. Croom, B. F. Keith.
BEULAH—J. T. Byrd.
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—J. L. Boykin, L. M. Boykin.
CAINTUCK—Andrew Moore, D. J. Corbett, T. O. Flinn.
CANAAN—R. T. Carr, T. E. Howard.
CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart, D. M. Peterson.
COLVIN'S CREEK—W. P. Woodcock, D. L. Gurganus.
CONCORD—W. A. Moore, J. C. Boone, J. W. Boone.
CORINTH—J. C. Williams.

Dobson's Chapel—O. N. P. Bostick, J. W. Teachey, J. R. Dobson.
Emma's Chapel—Henry Cox, Bryant Cox.
Enon—W. J. Montfort.
Falling Creek—E. B. Jordan, Jesse Brock.
Fort Barnwell—(By letter.)
Goldsboro—Theo. Whitfield, D. D., R. A. Highsmith.
Hallsville—J. D. Brown.
Haw Bluff—S B. Andrews, N. H. Barnhill, P. C. Colvin.
Island Creek—C. C. Teachey, Enoch Rouse.
Johnson's—Elder W. M. Kennedy, D. S. Kennedy, D. C. Middleton.
Kenansville—D. J. Middleton.
Lisbon—C. G. Robinson, J. P. Parker.
Long Creek—W. H. White, W. D. Mahn, J. H. Brinson.
Magnolia—H. M. Swinson, H. W. Carroll.
Maple Hill—(By letter.)
Mary's Chapel—Elder G. S. Best.
Masonboro—M. C. Walton, Samuel Fields.
Moores Creek—J. E. Woodcock, J. B. Croom, E. L. Larkins.
Morehead City—Elder T. J. Leary, J. T. Eaton.
Mt. Calvary—G. F. Parker, Elder J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince.
Mt. Gilead—A. C. Peterson, I. D. Alderman, B. Matthis.
Mt. Holly—L. T. Carroll, O. B. Garriss, Isaiah Carroll.
Mt. Olive—Whitman Price.
Newbern—Elder C. A. Jenkens.
New Hope—L. R. Carroll, W. H. Colwell, C. E. Daniels,
Olive Branch—Elder J. B. Barlow.
Piney Grove, (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt, J. H. Rhodes, Stephen Hall.
Piney Grove, (Onslow)—(By letter.)
Piney Grove, (Sampson)—John Matthews, Thos. Hobbs, J. W. Lane.
Pollocksville—William Koonce.
Poplar Grove—(By letter.)
Riley's Creek—G. W. Walker.
Rose Hill—D. N. Page.
Salem—D. R. Cannady.
Shiloh—J. T. Bland, A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
Snow Hill—Elder W. B. Knight.
Union—(By letter.)
Warsaw—A. M. Faison.
Well's Chapel—Elder J. P. Faison, L. K. Taylor, L. R. Highsmith.
Wilmington—Alfred Alderman, J. R. Marshall.
Woodville—(By letter.)

Churches not represented—Capernaum, Davis' Shore, Fremont, Kinston, LaGrange, Middle Sound, Myrtle Grove, Peniel, Smyrna, Trenton, Union Chapel, Young Bethel.

Delegates present, 97. Churches represented, 56; churches unrepresented, 12.

The letters from Canaan and Morehead City were laid on the table. The letter from Piney Grove, (Onslow,) was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Association went into an election for officers.

The following brethren were appointed Tellers: To take the ballot for Moderator, W. J. Montford, D. C. Middleton; Clerk, J. W. Boone, L. K. Taylor; Treasurer, D. R. Cannady, G. W. Walker.

Elder J. L. Stewart was elected Moderator; L. T. Carroll, Clerk; and A. M. Faison, Treasurer.

Bro. Kennedy read a letter from bro. Ivey, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pollocksville and Maple Hill churches were admitted into the Association under the call for petitionary letters. The letter from Pollocksville, asking for the next session of the Association, was laid on the table.

It was announced by the Committee on Religious Exercises that Dr. Whitfield would conduct a prayer meeting service to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., and that Elder A. G. McMannaway would preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

October 10th, 1883.

Religious exercises were conducted by Dr. Whitfield, after which the Association came to order, and roll of churches and delegates was called.

Proceedings read and approved.

Elder A. G. McMannaway accepted the invitation to visiting brethren, as Vice President of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for North Carolina, and agent for the "Recorder."

Elder J. P. Faison moved that the usual committees be appointed.

Dr. Whitfield moved that a committee be raised on the subject of Requests.

The committees were announced as follows:

Foreign Missions.—W. M. Kennedy, H. Croom, Alfred Alderman.
State and Home Missions.—A. F. McMannaway, T. A. Reid, D. F. Aman.
Education.—D. S. Kennedy, Wm. Moore, Newton Alderman.
Periodicals.—Theo. Whitfield, G. S. Best, J. R. Marshall.
To Appoint Executive Committee.—J. B. Barlow, J. L. Boykin, G. A. Herring.
Sunday Schools.—C. A. Jenkens, C. S. Cashwell, M. C. Walton.
Temperance.—W. B. Knight. T. J. Leary, S. G. Hall.
To Audit Treasurer's Account.—W. J. Montfort, B. Matthews, B. F. Dillahunt.
To Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School.—C. A. Jenkens, J. W. Lane, L. R. Carroll.
To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.—Warren Pridgen, James Andrews, Henry Cox.
To Nominate Preachers for next Association.—C. G. Robinson, W. P. Woodcock, E. B. Jordan.
Requests.—L. R. Carroll, J. T. Eaton, R. A. Highsmith.
Obituaries.—J. P. Faison, G. S. Best, W. M. Kennedy.

Bro. Croom moves that any member, visiting another Association, be authorized to act as a delegate.

Bro. Lane reports for Executive Committee. After motion to adopt, remarks were made by brethren Faison and Reid—bro. Reid making special reference to Morehead City.

Pending the motion to adopt, L. R. Carroll moved that the list of churches be called for amounts to be pledged for the church at Morehead City. Carried.

Motion to adopt the report of the Executive Committee passed.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have cause to thank God for the blessings which have crowned the labors of our missionaries during the past year.

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

We have had in our employment, for the whole or a part of their time, the following brethren: W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, T. A. Reid, C. S. Cashwell and D. F. Aman.

WORK DONE.

Rev. W. B. Knight has preached at five out stations and two churches; has administered the Lord's Supper twice, baptized three, preached sixty-five sermons, attended forty-seven prayer meetings, visited fourteen Sunday-schools and sixty-four families, and received six by letter.

Rev. T. A. Reid reports forty weeks of missionary work. He has held one protracted meeting, received two by letter, preached at two churches and one out station, administered the Lord's Supper twice, baptized fourteen, preached one hundred and nine sermons, attended forty prayer meetings, visited twenty-five Sabbath-schools and two hundred and eighty-one families.

Rev. T. J. Leary has preached at Woodville and Davis' Shore—baptized at the first named church four, at the latter eighteen.

Rev. C. S. Cashwell reports having preached at twenty-three churches and stations, one hundred and thirty-five sermons, ten baptisms, and about $250 collected in the field.

Rev. W. M. Kennedy reports about forty days missionary labor within your bounds, baptized and received by letter thirty-five, organized a church at Maple Hill in Pender County, held a protracted meeting at Shaw's school-house resulting in much good, visited some other points, and collected in the field his traveling expenses and $25.

Rev. D. F. Aman reports having preached regularly at two churches, visited and preached at two churches and two out stations, and baptized five.

Dear brethren, we lay before you the work of the year, in the hope that it may meet your approval We may have made mistakes and blunders, but have done the best we could under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Bro. McMannaway moved the adoption of the following report:

Resolved, That this Association will pay that part of the amount to be raised by this State, assigned us by the State Board.

This resolution was discussed at length by bro. McMannaway, after which, by consent of the Association, it was withdrawn. Bro. McMannaway's discussion was adopted by the Association as its Missionary Sermon.

Report of Trustees of the Warsaw High School was read by L. R. Carroll, and adopted after remarks by C. A. Jenkens and W. M. Kennedy.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

In our report to your body, at its Annual Session, held with the church at Piney Grove, Sampson County, in October, 1879, we stated that we had leased the entire school property to Rev. J. N. Stallings for ten years, beginning June, 1879, and ending June, 1889, at a yearly rental of $75, to be applied to the repair and improvement of the property.

The sadly depreciated condition of the buildings and surroundings was such that during the first year the lessee was compelled to apply four years rent in necessary repairs.

About the beginning of the present year, Rev. J. N. Stallings transferred his lease to Rev. C. A. Jenkens, who, in turn, transferred the same, about the first of July, to Rev. W. M. Kennedy & Son, with a debt of $350 resting on the property from cause aforesaid—general depreciation of buildings, &c. This debt, which the present Principals necessarily assumed, will prevent them from making but little if any improvement during the remainder of the term of the lease.

It is estimated that $250 are now required to put the necessary repairs on and about the property.

The prospects of the school are truly encouraging. There are now seventy pupils in attendance, twenty-three of whom board in the Institution, representing six counties.

The Principals have two thoroughly competent and efficient assistants in their corps of instructors; others will be secured as the necessities of the school demand.

Mr. D. S. Kennedy, Ph. B., is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Miss L. B. Kennedy, a graduate of Raleigh Seminary, and Miss Estelle Armstrong, a graduate of Culpepper Seminary, Va. All members of the Baptist denomination, and thoroughly qualified as instructors of the young, and are worthy of the confidence and patronage, not only of the Baptists of the Eastern Association, but of every section of our State.

The discipline of the school is strict and firm, yet kindly and affectionately administered Especial attention is also given to the moral and religious training of each pupil in attendance.

Instructions are given in English, Mathematics, Ancient and Modern Languages, Science, Music and Art. The boarding department is under the immediate supervision of Rev. W. M. Kennedy and lady. Good board can be procured with them or in the village, from $8 to $10 per month. Brethren, this is our work, our Institution, and with a reasonable effort we can make it all its most sanguine friends ever anticipated.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced preaching in the grove by Rev. T. A. Reid.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. Whitfield read the report on Periodicals. It was adopted after remarks by brethren Whitfield and McMannaway.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS,

Believing that good Baptist literature is necessary to the best progress of the Master's work in our country, we urge upon the churches and ministers of this Association to increase the circulation of the "Biblical

Recorder," published at Raleigh, N. C., "Kind Words," Macon, Ga., and the "Foreign Mission Journal," Richmond, Va.

We are gratified to see the improved style of the "Recorder;" we approve its courageous and christian spirit: and we regret that so few copies seem to be taken within our bounds.

THEO. WHITFIELD,
G. S. BEST,
JNO. R. MARSHALL,
Committee.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read by bro. L. R. Carroll, and adopted after remarks by brethren L. R. Carroll, J. S. Allen and J. W. Taylor.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We find from the Sunday School statistics in the letters sent up that only thirty-eight churches report Sabbath-schools, with two hundred and eighty-eight teachers and two thousand two hundred and sixty-one pupils.

During the year we have corresponded with most of these schools, and met in mass-meeting with some of them, aided in the organization of others, and succeeded in introducing our own lesson helps in others.

While we feel encouraged at the progress already made in the work, much, very much, remains to be done. Surely we ought not and cannot feel satisfied until there is a school in every church and neighborhood in the Association, surely we should desire this for the good of the churches, for the spiritual development of the individual members of the same, as well as for the eternal safety of the children of every community that know nothing about Jesus and his great salvation.

Inasmuch, therefore, as we believe that christian character can only be developed by means of pure biblical instruction, and as a flood of cheap and unsafe literature is making its way into every section of our land, that to guard and develop that faith and general christian character of our members, we do earnestly recommend that every church and Sabbath-school within our bounds, use only the lesson helps furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, which, for mechanical execution and intrinsic worth, cannot be surpassed by any other publishing house within the limits of the entire Sunday-school world.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

Brethren Rhodes and Hall, from Piney Grove, (Jones,) were excused from remainder of session.

Report of the Committee to Nominate Executive Committee read by the Clerk, and on motion, adopted. (See second page.)

Report on Education read by bro. D. S. Kennedy, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

BRETHREN:—We, the Committee on Education, take pleasure in reporting that there is a general awakening upon this subject throughout the state; so far as we have been able to learn, all institutions of learning are well sustained, and especially, is this true of the Baptist schools. Wake Forest College has about thirty students who are studying for the ministry. The majority of these young brethren are depending upon the Educational Board for support. Their devotion to the cause of Christ, their efforts in trying to prepare themselves for this work; and the great demand for an educated ministry call strongly upon us for our

sympathy, prayers and money, to aid them in their undertakings. The Chowan Baptist Female Institute is receiving the support that its merit so richly deserves, while our own school at Warsaw is in a prosperous condition.

Brethren, in view of the enthusiasm and demands of a progressive age, let us bestir ourselves, and not lag behind in the great struggle for popular education.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID S. KENNEDY,
WM. A. MOORE.
NEWTON ALDERMAN,
Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Rev. C. A. Jenkens, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We rejoice to know that the Sabbath-school work is widening in its influence and growing yearly in favor with our people. It is now generally admitted to be a necessity in a well regulated church, and the interest in this great work, seems never to have been greater than now.

We recommend the use of the lesson helps, so far as may be deemed practical, as published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. JENKENS,
C. S. CASHWELL.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. M. Kennedy. Motion was made to adopt. Remarks by brethren Kennedy, Whitfield, Reid, and L. R. Carroll.

Pending the motion to adopt, bro. L. R. Carroll moved that the list of churches be called for Foreign Mission pledges. Remarks by brethren Faison, Best and Reid. Motion passed and the following pledges were made:

Bethel, $7.00 : Beulah, $2 50 ; Clinton, $5.00 ; Corinth, $2.00 ; Concord, $2.00 ; Enon, $2.00 ; Falling Creek, $2.50 ; Goldsboro, $25.00 ; Haw Bluff, $1.00; Johnson's Church, (Duplin,) $5.00; Long Creek, $2.00; Mary's Chapel, $5.00; Masonboro, $2.00; Morehead City, $2.00; Mt. Calvary, $4 00; Mt. Gilead, $5.00; Mt. Holly, $5.00; Newbern, $25.00; New Hope, $15.00; Piney Grove, (Jones) $3 00; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) $5.00; Riley's Creek, $2.00; Rose Hill, $1 00; Warsaw, $15.00; Well's Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $28.00; Boykin's Chapel, $5.00; Woodville, $2.00; Pollocksville, $3.00.—Total, $193 00.

Motion to adopt report passed.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report, that the command of our Saviour, to his ministers, is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; and the burden of supporting the gospel in all lands falls with equal force upon both minister and people. The Foreign Mission Board has mission stations in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. We rejoice to learn that God is blessing the work at all points now occupied by the missionaries of the Board, but it is painful to see the great indifference of our people upon this work of the Church of Christ. We feel that great importance attaches to the cause just now

from the fact that God has raised up in our midst a dear young brother who has given his life to the work of Foreign Missions. We earnestly recommend to this body to take steps, at an early day, to sustain in whole or in part, this servant of the Lord, while he devotes his life and his all to this great work.

Respectfully, W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

The report of the Committee to revise the list of Trustees of the Warsaw High School was read by Elder C. A. Jenkens and, on motion, adopted.

A motion to reconsider the report on Education was made, and the report was handed back to the committee.

A motion to reconsider the motion by which the report of the Executive Committee was adopted, was made, and Associational Missions was made special at the beginning of the morning session.

On motion brethren J. T. Byrd and Jesse Brock were excused from the remainder of the session.

Report on Temperance was read by Rev. W. B. Knight, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom the subject of Temperance was referred beg leave to report: The great evil of intemperance, in our midst, demands on the part of christians prompt and careful action. That it is an evil no one will deny, and it is one that is sometimes too lightly considered by christians and churches. We would, therefore, recommend that the churches comprising this Association exercise all the means in their power to eradicate it from our midst.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. KNIGHT,
T. J. LEARY,
S. G. HALL,
Committee.

The report on Home and State Missions was read by Elder T. A. Reid.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home and State Missions make the following report: The work committed to the Southern Baptists is one of great importance, and it behooves us who are of this Association to awake to a keen sense of duty respecting the part that belongs to us. The importance of this work is manifested by a survey of the field. In every direction we look, we see the "field white unto the harvest." The Western Territories furnish a field that ought to be occupied for Christ—Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona.

THE INDIANS.

Among these wronged people the work is encouraging to a great degree. A Manual Labor School is located at Wetumpka, Creek Nations, Maj. J. G. Vore superintends it. There are about one hundred pupils and about one hundred acres of land in cultivation. The boys and girls are taught such things as will make them useful citizens.

The receipts of the Home Mission Board for the last conventional year were, $45,195.27. It had in its employ ninety-five persons whose labors were very greatly blessed under God to the building of the waste place of Zion. To meet all the demands of this great field twice the amount of last year must be raised.

San Francisco, Cal., is the seat of our Missions for the Chinese. Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Mrs. Hartwell, and Mrs. J. L. Sanford are working hard to give the gospel to these people.

Among the Creeks are Rev. W. P. Blake, Rev. Wm. McCombs and Mrs. H. F. Buckner. There are thirty churches with a membership of twenty-five thousand. Among the Choctaws, Rev. A. F. Rooks, and Rev. R. J. Hogne are missionaries. Rev. Willis Burns and Rev. S. Lambright preach to the Chickasaws. Rev. Wesley Smith preaches to the wild tribes of the west.

Florida, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, with their thousands, call for help. New Orleans, the great Southern seaport of the future, must have help. Churches must be built.

The colored people must have help in every way they need.

In view of the great facts before us, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Association accept the apportionment made by our State Board and endeavor to raise it. This amount is $195, and it is desired that it be raised by the 1st of April.

With reference to State Missions we feel that we could not do better than to adopt as our report bro. Ray's "What will we do?" taken from the *Recorder*.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

"I have just made a close calculation of the liabilities of the State Mission Board—the amounts necessary to go up to the Convention out of debt,—and find them to be $2,200. Now 'what will we do?' Will we all come up to the help of the Board and pay off this amount by the first of November or not? This is a very serious question. Upon it depend the operations of the Board for the next and many succeeding years.

"I believe that much of the success of our Board, under God, for the past six years has been the result of our paying as we went. For that length of time the Board has studiously avoided making appropriations which they could not meet. And the work has moved grandly forward, until instead of nine missionaries, we now have fifty-four, occupying important fields in almost every Association and section of North Carolina, from the sea coast beyond the mountain tops. And not only so, but the last one of those 'twenty-seven towns' in the State without Baptist preaching has been occupied for Jesus. I say that I believe this success is largely due to the fact that from year to year we have paid all our liabilities. Now what will we do?

"We cannot afford to give this State Mission work, which lies at the foundation of all our other beneficent enterprises a backset. We cannot afford to carry up a debt. It would cripple our efforts for years. In looking over the minutes of the Convention of ten or twelve years ago, this Board became very seriously embarrassed by a debt, which accumulated from year to year until it reached two thousand dollars. As a result operations were suspended and no missionaries were appointed, and the work stood still for months. What will we do now? Are we willing to see such a state of affairs again? I believe every Baptist in the State will answer, 'No!'

"Well, then, we must *work*, WORK, WORK. If all will aid, it will become a light burden. Let some good brother at every Union meeting take up a collection and send to bro. Montague immediately for State Missions. And let all the pastors in their churches take up a special collection for us. If you have already taken one, take another. This requires special work, and no good brother will object to a special effort for this work.

"The question now recurs, 'What will you do?' What is done must be done by the first of November. JOHN E. RAY, Cor. Sec.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. REID,
D. F. AMAN,
Committee.*

* Bro. McMannaway could not remain until this report was submitted, as he had to leave for another Association.

A motion made to adopt the report, was followed by a motion to make it a matter of special order just after the consideration of Associational Missions.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that there would be prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock, and that Dr. Whitfield would preach at 10:30. On motion adopted.

On motion adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

October 11th, 1883.

Association called to order.

Bro. C. D. Pridgen, of the Cape Fear Association, and Elder C. S. Farriss, of the "Recorder," reported themselves as visitors.

Caintuck and Mt. Olive responded to the call for letters.

Bro. Lane moved that the usual collection be taken at the stand, and that the amount collected be equally divided between State and Associational Missions. The motion passed.

Bro. Kennedy offers, by consent of the Association, (as the time for a special order had arrived,) the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Union Relief Society be, and hereby is authorized to collect any moneys belonging to said Society and to invest the same in the way he may think it will accomplish most good, provided, however, that in no instance shall he make investments without making the same secure to the Society.

Special order (Associational Missions) was taken up.

Bro. Lane moved that the list of the Churches be called for pledges. Remarks by C. S. Cashwell, L. R. Carroll, W. B. Knight, G. S. Best, and J. T. Bland.

A call for the previous question was made. The call was sustained, and pledges made as follows:

Antioch, $5.00; Barlow's Chapel, $5 00; Berea, $3.00; Beulah, $5.00; Boykin's Chapel, $5.00; Caintuck, $10.00; Clinton, $10.00; Corinth, $10.00; Dobson's Chapel, $3.00; Emma's Chapel, $5 00; Enon, $10 00; Falling Creek, $7.50; Hallsville, $3.00; Haw Bluff, $10.00; Island Creek, $10.00; Johnsons, $15 00; Kenansville, $10.00; Lisbon, $10.00; Long Creek, $3.00; Magnolia, $10.00; Mary's Chapel, $10 00; Masonboro, $1.00; Moore's Creek, $5.00; Morehead City, $5.00; Mt. Calvary, $5.00; Mt. Gilead, $10.00; Mt. Holly, $5.00; New Hope, $20.00; Piney Grove, (Jones,) $5.00; Piney Grove, (Onslow,) $5.00; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) $10.00; Pollocksville, $3.00; Riley's Creek, $8.00, Warsaw, $25.00; Well's Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $30.00; Woodville, $5.00. Individual Pledges: Miss R. E. Wright, $2.00; Miss Helen E. Faison, $1.00; Mrs. Cornelia Croom, $1 00; Mrs. Helen Pridgen, $1.00; Mrs. Caroline Malpass, 50 cents; Rev. W. B. Knight, $2.00; Delegates of Concord, $1.00 each, $3.00; Rev. C. A. Jenkens, $10.00; D. N. Page, $1.00; D. R. Cannady, $2.00; Whitman Price, paid $2.00; D. J. Moore, paid 50 cents.—Total, $337 50.

Bro. Kennedy made a statement, by consent, with regard to P. H. Kornegay, of Bear Marsh Church. On motion the brother was recognized as a delegate.

The next special order (Home and State Missions) was then taken up. Bro. Reid made remarks. Bro. Lane called for previous question. The call was sustained and report adopted.

Bro. L. R. Carroll read the report of the Committee on Requests. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON REQUESTS.

The Committee on Requests make the following report: We recommend that the letter from Piney Grove, (Onslow,) be referred to the Executive Committee. That the request of the church at Canaan, asking for a letter of dismission from this body, be granted. That the request of the church at Pollocksville, asking for the next session of this Association, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

On motion all who wished to leave on the boat were excused.

On motion the delegates from Boykin's Chapel were excused.

On motion, brethren Eaton and Leary were excused.

Bro. D. S. Kennedy read the report on Education. A motion to adopt was made. Remarks by Rev. W. M. Kennedy.*

On motion the list of churches was called for pledges for Ministerial Education, and pledges were made as follows:

Caintuck, $2.00; Clinton, $5 00; Long Creek, $2.00; Mt. Holly, $5.00; New Hope, $5.00; Piney Grove, (Sampson,) $2.00; Pollocksville, $2.00; Shiloh, paid $5.00; Well's Chapel $5 00. Individual Pledge: Miss Rachel Wright, $2.00.—Total $35.00.

The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account reported that they had examined the account of the Treasurer of the Association, and that of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, and found them correct. On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Robinson read the report of the Committee to nominate Preachers for next Association. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT—PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

The Committee to nominate Preachers for the next Association beg leave to report: Introductory Sermon, Elder C. A. Jenkens; Alternate, Elder G. S. Best. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. N. Stallings; Alternate, Elder R. C. Sandling.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. ROBINSON,
E. B. JORDAN,
W. P. WOODCOCK,
Committee.

* The report as revised by Committee is to be found on the 8th page.

On motion the Committee on Obituaries were allowed to take more time and to send their report to the Clerk.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries report that since our last meeting death has invaded the ranks of our ministry and one of the number has been called away. Rev. Jno. R. Oliver has passed to his rest. He died at the residence of his brother, Jas. F. Oliver, Esq., in Mt. Olive, in May last. Through life our brother was an invalid, and his afflictions were of such a character as to almost disqualify him for any duty in life; yet, after he entered the public ministry, he labored a great deal in the vineyard of the Lord. In fact it was a surprise to many, how he accomplished the amount of traveling and preaching that he did. Aside from his deep afflictions of body, which pressed heavily upon his mind, he was a man of fine qualities both of head and heart. He descended from a family who loved and feared the Lord; and professing the religion of Christ in his youth, he led a life of strict morality and integrity until the day of his death. Bro. Oliver was educated at Wake Forest College, and from early training and extensive reading he became a man of more than ordinary information. His last affliction was long and deeply painful. At first he was restless and impatient, but finally became resigned to the will of his Master, and died in the hope of a glorious immortality beyond the grave.

We are pained, also, to announce the death of bro. Wm. Friar, a Deacon of Bethel church, which sad event occurred at his home in Sampson county, in December last. Bro. Friar was an active member of the church and an energeti ccitizen, a good husband and father, and a kind neighbor and friend. His death was a great loss both to his church and to the community at large. Truly a good and useful man has gone to his reward. We extend our sympathies to his family and to his church.

We are also called on to announce the death, within the past year, of bro. Owen Fennell, of Well's Chapel church. Bro. Fennell was through life a man of prominence and of great influence. Thus another one of the landmarks has been removed. Another of the tried and true ones has gone to his reward.

Dear brethren in Christ, let us keep our lamps trimmed and burning, knowing that the time is short.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY.
G. S. BEST,
J. P. FAISON,
Committee.

Bro. L. R. Highsmith read the report of the Committee on Finance which, on motion, was adopted. (See Table.)

Bro. L. R. Carroll, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their generous liberality in sustaining the present session of this Association. Also to Capt. R. P. Paddison for favors to delegates and visitors.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized "to pay over, the several amounts of money in his hands, to the persons to whom they were due."

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have fifteen hundred copies of the minutes printed, and was allowed $15.00 for his services. He was also ordered to prepare a suitable form for

Church Letter and to have a sufficient number of copies printed for distribution among the churches.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Pollocksville, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1884.

Then the brethren, while singing a most appropriate hymn, bade one another a tearful good-bye, after which they were dismissed with the benediction.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

L. T. CARROLL, Clerk.

FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

PLACE OF MEETING: Pollocksville, Jones county, N. C.

TIME: Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1884.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON: Elder C. A. Jenkens; Alternate, Elder G. S. Best.

MISSIONARY SERMON: Elder J. N. Stallings; Alternate, Elder R. C. Sandling.

REPORT TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

A. M. FAISON, *In account with the Eastern Association:*

DR.

Amount received from the Finance Committee, Oct. 4th, 1882.		$627 31

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Paid Charles E. Taylor, for State Missions,	$276 15	
" Treasurer of the Executive Committee,	247 40	
" C. S. Farriss, for State Missions,	12 50	
" " " " Foreign Missions,	12 50	
" F. H. Ivey, Clerk, for Printing Minutes and Clerk's Fees,	81 00	
		$629 55

Examined and found correct,

B. MATTHEWS,
B. F. DILLAHUNT,
W. J. MONTFORD,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *In account with Eastern Association:*

DR.

To bal. on hand last year,		$221 00
" Riley's Creek,		8 04
" Bear Marsh,		3 45
" Bethel,		5 00
" Public Collection at same,		4 80
" Kenansville,		4 26
" Boykin's Chapel, (old pledge,)		10 00
" Beaufort,		5 00
" Public Collection at Chinquepin,		3 64
" Magnolia,		3 24
" Wilmington, 1st church,		26 50
" Treasurer of Association,		260 35
		$555 28

CR.

Paid C. S. Cashwell,	$250 00	
" W. B. Knight,	100 00	
" T. A. Reid,	100 00	
" W. M. Kennedy,	25 00	
" T. J. Leary	25 00	
" D. F. Aman,	25 00	
" bal. on hand, Oct. 11th, 1833,	30 28	
		$555 28

Examined and found correct.

B. MATTHEWS,
B. F. DILLAHUNT,
W. J. MONTFORT,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Associational Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch			2 00	7 00			1 00	10 00
Barlow Chapel							45	45
Bear Marsh	5 00			5 25			1 50	11 75
Beaufort							1 00	1 00
Berea				3 00			1 50	4 50
Bethel				5 00			2 25	7 25
Bethlehem	5 00		3 22	3 22			1 50	12 94
Beulah			5 95	6 89			1 50	14 34
Boykin's Chapel		75					2 00	2 75
Canaan			75	5 00			1 00	6 75
Caintuck (last year)			5 00	5 00				10 00
Caintuck		8 00	6 50				1 00	15 50
Concord	10 00	1 00	3 00				1 00	15 00
Colvin's Creek		2 00	2 00				1 00	5 00
Corinth				8 00			2 00	10 00
Clinton	5 00			10 00			1 00	16 00
Dobson's Chapel				2 35		25	95	3 55
Emma's Chapel	9			4 35			1 85	7 10
Enon	2 50			10 00			1 00	13 50
Falling Creek				10 00			1 50	11 50
Fort Barnwell			3 0	12 25			1 00	16 25
Goldsboro				17 00			2 00	20 00
Hallsville		1 0					1 50	2 20
Haw Bluff	1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	63	1 50	14 13
Island Creek	2 25		3 57	10 00			2 00	18 00
Johnson's			50	15 00			1 65	17 15
Kenansville	4 50		1 32	9 06			1 20	16 08
Lisbon	5 00	2 00		9 75			1 00	17 75
Long Creek	50		1 00	5 0			1 25	7 75
Magnolia			5 99	6 76			2 50	15 25
Maple Hill			1 00	1 00			1 00	3 00
Mary's Chapel				10 10			1 50	11 50
Masonboro	1 05		3 00	3 00	2 00		2 50	11 55
Moore's Creek	2 64		2 64	5 00			1 50	11 78
Morehead City				2 00			95	2 95
Mt Calvary	5 00		3 61	8 00			80	17 41
Mt. Gilead	5 00			10 00			1 50	16 50
Mt. Holly	5 00	4 25	10 00	5 00			1 50	25 75
Mt. Olive	10 00			8 00			2 00	20 00
Newbern				3 00				3 00
New Hope							1 50	1 50
Olive Branch							2 00	2 00
Piney Grove. (Jones)				8 00			1 00	9 00
Piney Grove (Onslow)				5 00			1 00	6 00
Piney Grove (Sampson	5 00		1 76	10 00			2 00	18 76
Pollocksville			3 55	2 50			1 00	7 05
Poplar Grove							1 00	1 00
Rileys's Creek	1 76		3 59	1 96			2 50	9 81
Rose Hill			1 20				85	2 05
Salem							60	60
Shiloh			11 41				1 50	12 91
Snow Hill			5 00				1 00	6 00
Union				4 25			1 00	5 25
Warsaw	6 00		10 00	25 00			1 65	42 65
Well's Chapel			11 70	10 00			1 50	23 20
Wilmington							4 00	4 00
Woodville							1 00	1 00
	83 10	21 00	115 44	296 59	3 00	88	79 65	599 66

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total for all Objects.
Antioch	75 00	3 50	.....	.....	2 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	88 50
Barlow Chapel	33 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	45	40 45
Bear Marsh	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	.....	1 50	11 75
Beaufort	107 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	108 00
Berea	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	79 50
Bethel	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 25	107 25
Bethlehem	75 00	50 00	5 00	.....	3 22	3 22	.....	.....	.....	1 50	137 94
Beulah	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 95	6 89	.....	.....	.....	1 50	14 34
Boykin's Chapel	75 00	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	77 75
Canaan	80 00	.....	.....	.....	75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	86 75
Caintuck	.....	.....	.....	8 00	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	15 50
Concord	125 00	13 00	10 00	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	153 00
Colvin's Creek	50 00	10 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	65 00
Corinth	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	135 00
Clinton	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	16 00
Dobson's Chapel	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 35	.....	25	.....	95	53 55
Emma's Chapel	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	4 35	.....	.....	.....	1 85	7 10
Enon	150 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	168 50
Falling Creek	150 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	186 50
Fort Barnwell	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	12 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00	16 25
Goldsboro	900 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	920 00
Hallsville	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	2 20
Haw Bluff	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	63	.....	1 50	14 13
Island Creek	125 00	.....	2 25	.....	3 75	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	143 00
Johnson's	75 00	.....	.....	.....	50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	1 65	92 15
Kenansville	100 00	5 00	4 50	.....	1 32	9 06	.....	.....	.....	1 20	121 08
Lisbon	125 00	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	9 75	.....	.....	.....	1 00	142 75
Long Creek	85 00	.....	50	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	92 75
Magnolia	100 00	12 00	.....	.....	5 99	6 76	.....	.....	.....	2 50	127 25
Maple Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	11 50
Masonboro	100 00	30 00	1 05	.....	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 50	141 55
Moore's Creek	.....	.....	2 64	.....	2 64	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	11 78
Morehead City	76 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	95	79 45
Mt. Calvary	.....	.....	5 00	.....	3 61	8 00	.....	.....	.....	80	17 41
Mt Gilead	125 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	141 50
Mt. Holly	125 00	.....	5 00	4 25	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	150 75
Mt. Olive	250 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	270 00
Newbern	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	6 00
New Hope	150 00	62 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 50	216 50
Olive Branch	32 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	46 00
Piney Grove, Jones	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	9 00
Piney Grove, Onslow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	6 00
Piney Grove, Samp.	150 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 76	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	168 76
Pollocksville	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 55	2 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	7 05
Poplar Grove	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	76 00
Riley's Creek	125 00	.....	1 76	.....	3 59	1 96	.....	.....	.....	2 50	134 81
Rose Hill	.....	7 00	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	9 05
Salem	6 50	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	60	19 10
Shiloh	100 00	.....	.....	.....	11 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	112 91
Snow Hill	40 00	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	52 00
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 25
Warsaw	400 00	20 00	6 00	.....	10 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	1 65	462 65
Well's Chapel	125 00	80 00	.....	.....	11 70	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	228 20
Wilmington	1,795 50	632 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115 00	4 00	2546 78
Woodville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Total,	6,455 50	975 78	84 30	21 00	109 24	291 59	3 00	88	134 00	82 65	8157 94

STATISTICAL TABLE,

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Antioch	....	....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	18	....	29	4th Sunday.
Barlow Chapel	4	2	...	1	.....	.....	.....	7	12	.....	19	2nd Sunday.
Beaufort	....	3	...	.....	3	.....	2	22	38	.....	60	1st & 3d Sundays.
Berea	4	1	...	.....	3	4	3	33	50	.....	83	2nd Sunday.
Bethel	3	3	...	....	3	.....	1	31	59	....	90	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem,	....	....	...	.....	1	8	1	34	70	.....	104	2nd Sunday,
Beulah	27	6	...	.....	.....	.....	3	34	51	.....	85	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	....	2	...	.....	4	.....	.....	50	95	.....	145	2nd Sunday.
Canaan	3	12	...	.....	.....	1	....	10	30	7	47	3rd Sunday.
Clinton	.....	32	...	.....	1	.....	.....	18	38	.....	56	3rd Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	3	4	...	.....	2	.....	.....	29	23	.....	52	1st Sunday.
Concord	20	5	...	2	7	.....	.....	33	57	15	105	1st Sunday.
Corinth	5	4	...	.....	11	1	2	45	70	.....	115	3rd Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	15	3	...	1	.....	.....	1	23	40	.....	63	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	6	3	...	.....	.....	.....	1	20	34	.....	54	1st Sunday.
Euon	3	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	36	....	59	2nd Sunday.
Falling Creek	4	....	...	1	2	.....	2	23	46	.....	69	1st Sunday.
Fort Barnwell	1	1	...	.....	.....	1	.....	16	21	.....	37	1st Sunday.
Goldsboro	7	12	...	1	9	.....	2	61	122	.....	186	Every Sunday.
Hallsville	1	....	...	.....	.....	1	.....	55	83	.....	118	4th Sunday.
Haw Bluff	5	.....	...	....	3	.....	2	42	74	.....	116	3rd Sunday.
Island Creek	3	.....	...	1	4	1	1	58	114	....	172	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	.....	4	...	1	2	.....	1	43	87	16	146	1st Sunday.
Kenansville	.....	2	...	.....	.....	4	2	15	37	.....	52	2nd Sunday.
Lisbon	20	3	...	1	8	.....	2	48	58	.....	106	1st Sunday.
Long Creek	2	3	...	.....	3	2	2	46	65	.....	111	1st Sunday.
Magnolia	18	.....	...	.....	.....	3	2	75	122	.....	197	4th Sunday.
Maple Hill	30	4	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	17	.....	36	.....
Mary's Chapel	4	12	...	....	1	.....	2	39	40	.....	79	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	4	.....	...	.....	6	.....	6	66	90	1	157	2nd Sunday.
Moore's Creek	.....	.....	...	1	3	1	.....	42	66	...	108	4th Sunday.
Morehead City	14	1	...	.....	1	.....	.....	15	50	.....	65	2d & 4th Sundays.
Mt. Calvary	2	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	12	.....	18	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	....	....	...	.....	2	1	.....	33	69	....	102	4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly	.....	3	...	.....	4	3	.....	56	100	1	157	First Sunday.
Mt. Olive	.....	7	...	.....	3	5	1	33	73	.....	106	2d & 4th Sundays
Newbern	.....	.....	...	1	5	.....	3	53	123	.....	176	Every Sunday.
New Hope	8	.....	...	1	9	3	.....	64	122	.....	186	2nd Sunday.
Piney Grove, Jones	.....	.....	...	1	1	.....	1	16	36	.....	52	3d Sunday.
Piney Grove, Onslow	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	25	45	.....	70	.....
Piney Grove, Samp	19	2	...	1	2	1	5	67	116	12	195	2nd Sunday.
Pollocksville	7	4	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	15	....	21	.....
Poplar Grove	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	18	....	31	3rd Sunday.
Riley's Creek	3	.....	...	.....	8	3	3	49	98	.....	147	3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill	.....	1	...	.....	.....	1	.....	5	14	.....	19	3rd Sunday.
Salem	.....	.....	...	.....	3	3	.....	10	21	.....	31	1st Sunday.
Shiloh	.....	1	...	.....	6	.....	2	57	111	.....	168	3rd Sunday.
Snow Hill	3	6	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	12	....	21	3rd Sunday.
Union	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	19	.....	24	.....
Warsaw	7	6	...	.....	6	6	3	84	138	.....	222	2d & 4th Sundays.
Well's Chapel	.....	7	1	2	3	1	1	69	10	.....	171	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington	5	7	...	2	9	10	3	117	24	.....	359	Every Sunday.
Woodville	4	.....	...	2	.....	1	.....	11	2	....	33	4th Sunday.
Total,	269	127	1	20	132	65	61	1857	3321	52	5,230	

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O.	CLERKS and their P. O.
Antioch	W B. Knight, Snow Hill	J. C. Cox, Greenville
Barlow Chapel	D. F. Aman, Sneed's Ferry	R. M. Sidbury Sloop-point
Berea	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. A. Southerland, Wallace
Bethel	L. T. Carroll, Willard	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
Bethlehem	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Sr. Pt. Caswell
Beaufort	T. A. Reid, Beaufort	J. D. Davis, Beaufort
Beulah	J. L Britt, Warsaw	J. T. Moore, Warsaw
Boykin's Chapel	H. L. Spivey, Clinton	T. J. Blackburn, Clinton
Caintuck	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	D. J. Corbett, Pt. Caswell
Clinton	J. L. Stewart Clinton	S. P. Johnson, Clinton
Colvin's Creek	W.A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Mt Olive	J. T. Kennedy, Magnolia
Corinth	G. S. Best, Kenansville	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill
Dobson's Chapel	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	H.C. Stringfield, Kenansville
Emma's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	H. Marshburn Richlands
Enon	G. S. Best, Kenansville	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek
Fort Barnwell	C. S. Cashwell, Kinston	J. W. Biddle, Cobton
Falling Creek	C. A. Jenkens, Newbern	M. H. Britt, Granthams St're
Goldsboro	Theo. Whitfield, D.D. Goldsboro	J. W. Hollowell Goldsboro
Halisville	No Pastor	J. D. Brown Halisville
Haw Bluff	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Colly
Island Creek	J. J. Albritton, Mt Olive	H. T. Savage, Wallace
Johnson's	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.	L Middleton, Warsaw
Kenansville	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw
Lisbon	J. L Stewart Clinton	R. Herring, Clear Run
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek
Magnolia	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia
Maple Hill	No Pastor	A. E. Burton, Maple Hill
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	F.M.Southerland Kenansville
Masonboro	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	B. S Montford Wilmington
Moore's Creek	No Pastor	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell
Morehead City	T. A. Reid, Beaufort	J. T Eaton, Morehead City
Mt. Calvary	J. T. Albritton, Mt Olive	R. A. Parker, Brogdens Mill
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	B. Matthews, Taylors Bridge
Mt. Holly	L. T. Carroll, Willard	I Carroll, So. Washington
Mt. Olive	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	Jesse T. Albritton, Mt. Olive
Newbern	C. A. Jenkens, Newbern.	F. W. Hancock, Newbern
New Hope	J. N. Stallings, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs
Olive Branch	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D.H. Workman, Wilmington
Piney Grove (Jones)	C. S. Cashwell, Kinston	J. H. Whitty, Pollocksville
PineyGrove (Onslow)	No Pastor	W. E. Morten, Swansboro
Piney Grove(Samp'n)	J. L Stewart, Clinton.	J. W. Lane, Laneton
Pollocksville	C. S. Cashwell, Kinston	J. C. Whitty, Newbern
Poplar Grove	J. T. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point
Rose Hill	No Pastor	D. N. Page, Tar Landing
Salem	No Pastor	J D Congleton, SneedsFerry
Shiloh	L. T. Carroll, Willard	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.
Snow Hill	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill	E. D. Sugg, Snow Hill
Union	No Pastor	Pinkney Spencer
Warsaw	No Pastor	S. M. Carlton, Wars.aw
Wells' Chapel	L. T. Carroll, Willard	L.R.Highsmith, Harrells S're
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, D.D. Wilmin'n	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Woodville	T. J Leary, Harlowe	E. Simpson, Beaufort

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.
Antioch	Richard McGlohon,	7	45
Barlow Chapel,	James Andrews,	5	26
Beaufort,	John D. Davis,	9	45
Bethel,	M. H. Oates,	3	39
Bethlehem,	B. F. Keith, Sr.,	4	48
Beulah,	G. W. Marsh,	11	62
Canaan,	James Ingram,	3	37
Colvin's Creek,	R. C. Henry,	7	50
Corinth,	Ira J. Johnson,	10	85
Emma's Chapel,	Wm. Barbee,	23	86
Falling Creek,	W. H. Hood,	10	43
Goldsboro,	H. L. Grant,	22	101
Haw Bluff,	W. F. Brown,	4	30
Island Creek,	C. Harrell,	4	39
Johnson's,	Leonidas Middleton,	4	40
Long Creek,	M. E. Herring,	2	25
Magnolia,	J. T. Carroll,	21	81
Morehead City,	H. S. Lee,	5	99
Mt. Calvary,	A. M. Prince,	4	26
Mt. Gilead,	B. Matthews,	8	60
Mt. Holly,	Isaiah Carroll,	4	35
Mt. Olive,	J. F. Oliver,	13	156
Newbern,	B. M. Gates	18	100
New Hope,	L. R. Carroll,	6	70
Piney Grove, Onslow,	W. E. Morten,	4	25
Poplar Grove,	R. R. Bell,	6	35
Riley's Creek,	G. W. Walker,	8	32
Rose Hill,	D. N. Page,	6	35
Shiloh,	H. A. Bland,	4	80
Warsaw,	I. Brown,	5	60
Wilmington,	W. A. French,	22	198
Woodville,	E. Simpson,	5	23
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CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world: to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a l everage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem*, shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.
4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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ELDER J. L. STEWART,.....Clinton, N. C.

CLERK:

ELDER J. L. BRITT,.....Warsaw, N. C.

TREASURER:

A. M. FAISON,.....Warsaw, N. C.

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J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive. C. A. JENKINS, Newbern.
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PROCEEDINGS.

POLLOKSVILLE, JONES COUNTY, N. C., October 7th, 1884.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its fortieth annual session in the Polloksville church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. A. Jenkins, from Phil. 3: 13, 14.

After sermon the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart, called the Association to order.

In the absence of the former Clerk, Elder J. L. Britt was appointed Clerk *pro tem.*

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

List of churches was called and a majority found to be represented.

On motion, Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of J. S. Bizzell, F. M. Southerland and M. H. Oats.

F. W. Hancock and Elder C. A. Jenkins were appointed reading clerks.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church and W. J. Montford and T. J. Jarman.

Letters from churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—R. D. Carroll.
BARLOW CHAPEL—James Andrews, D. F. Aman.
BEAR MARSH—R. J. Walker.
BETHEL—W. J. Fryar, M. H. Oats.
BEULAH—J. L. Britt.
CLINTON—J. L. Stewart.
CONCORD—J. C. Boon.
CORINTH—J. C. Williams, W. D. Wilkins.
EMMA'S CHAPEL—E. A. Best, E. H. Cox, F. D. Shaw.
ENON—W. J. Montford.
FALLING CREEK—W. H. Hood.
FORT BARNWELL—J. W. Biddle, John Humphrey.
GOLDSBORO—T. Whitfield, C. J. Nelson, J. D. Roberts.
HALLSVILLE—L. H. Sanderson.
ISLAND CREEK—E. Heldt, C. Harrell.
JOHNSON'S—D. S. Kennedy.
KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton, K. Bryan.
LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring.
MAPLE HILL—K. F. Powers.
MARY'S CHAPEL—F. M. Southerland, G. G. Best.
MASONBORO—F. A. Montgomery.
MOORE'S CREEK—H. S. Alderman.
MOREHEAD CITY—J. Utley, J. T. Eaton, Charles Davis.
MT. CALVARY—J. T. Albritton.
MT. GILEAD—B. Matthis, A. C. Peterson, I. W. Powell.
MT. OLIVE—Whitman Price, W. B. Oliver.
NEWBERN—T. J. Mitchell, F. W. Hancock.
NEW HOPE—C. E. Danniel.
OLIVE BRANCH—J. B. Barlow.
PINY GROVE (Onslow)—W. Connie, W. E. Morton.
POLLOKSVILLE—Charles Wittie, T. A. Bell.
ROSE HILL—T. J. Jarman.

SALEM—D. R. Cannady.
SNOW HILL—W. B. Knight.
UNION—T. A. Rouse, P. Spence.
WARSAW—W. M. Kennedy, A. M. Faison.
WELLS' CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith, D. W. Bland, R. A. Highsmith.
WILMINGTON—T. H. Pritchard, J. R. Marshal.
DAVIS SHORE—O. F. Davis, C. B. Paul.
KINSTON—S. E. Loftin, J. M. Wooten, A. J. Hires.
LAGRANGE—J. P. Joyner, J. S. Bizzell.
BEAUFORT—W. T. Jones.
BOYKIN'S—A. F. Robinson, H. Boykin.
PINY GROVE (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt, R. R. Andrews, C. M. Pollok.
YOUNG BETHEL—T. J. Leary, W. F. Simpson, T. M. Leary.
PINY GROVE (Sampson)—O. M. Matthis.
WILLARD—F. A. Fennell.

The following churches were represented by letter: Berea, Smyrna, Bethlehem, Bear Branch, Woodville, Shiloh, Mt. Holly, Magnolia, Poplar Grove, Burgaw, Haw Bluff, Riley's Creek, Colvin's Creek, Dobson's Chapel, Lisbon, Canetuck Chapel.

The following churches were not represented: Capernaum, Tremont, Middle Sound, Myrtle Grove, Peniel, Trenton, Union Chapel.

The letters from Barlow Chapel and Rose Hill were referred to the Executive Committee.

Letters from Berea, Mt. Olive, Wells' Chapel and Mt. Gilead were laid on the table.

Reading of church letters and enrolling of delegates being completed, the body proceeded with the next order of business, which was the election of officers.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: To take the ballot for Moderator—L. R. Highsmith and Dr. J. D. Roberts. For Clerk—J. W. Biddle and C. E. Danniel. For Treasurer—F. A. Fennell and A. F. Robinson.

Result—Elder J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt elected Clerk; A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

Petitioning letters were called for. Letters from Bear Branch, Willard and Burgaw were presented and read, asking for admission into this body.

On motion, these letters were referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, W. M. Kennedy and J. B. Barlow.

Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—Elder T. Whitfield, J. M. Wooten and G. A. Herring.
State and Home Missions—Elders T. H. Pritchard, W. T. Jones and R. D. Carroll.
Education—D. S. Kennedy, J. T. Joyner and Elder W. B. Oliver.
Periodicals—Elders A. J. Hires, R. C. Sandling and D. R. Cannady.
Sunday Schools—Elder C. A. Jenkins, Giles Clute and Dr. J. D. Roberts.
Temperance—Elders J. T. Albritton, C. J. Nelson and J. W. Biddle.
Requests—Elders T. Whitfield, W. B. Knight and E. A. Best.
Obituaries—Elders R. C. Sandling, J. B. Barlow and O. M. Matthis.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Preaching to-night at 7½ o'clock, by Dr. T. Whitfield; prayer meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock conducted by Elder A. J. Hires. Association convene at 9½ o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder R. C. Sandling; preaching at 4 o'clock p. m., by Elder W. B. Oliver; preaching at 7½ o'clock p. m., by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Pritchard. Benediction by Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 8th, 1884.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder A. J. Hires.

Moderator called the Association to order at 9½ o'clock.

Roll of delegates was called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Bro. Giles Clute announced himself as messenger from South River Association; Elder W. M. Kennedy announced himself as representative of the BIBLICAL RECORDER; Dr. Pritchard announced himself as representative of Wake Forest College.

The regular order was suspended to hear the report of committee to whom was referred petitionary letters:

REPORT ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

The committee appointed on petitionary letters beg leave to report, that they find on examination that the churches at Burgaw, Willard's and Bear Branch have been regularly constituted, and therefore recommend their reception as constituent members of this body.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
W. M. KENNEDY,
J. B. BARLOW,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to delegates present from the above named churches.

On motion, any brother attending any sister Association was authorized to represent this body.

Reports of Standing Committees were called for.

Executive Committee reported.

Pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton and T. H. Pritchard.

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

That part of the report which had reference to the support of Bro. R. T. Bryan, was referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, T. Whitfield, J. T. Albritton, W. M. Kennedy, T. J. Leary and brethren W. J. Montford and D. J. Middleton.

Rules of Order suspended to appoint a committee to revise the Constitution and Rules of Order. Committee—Elders W. M. Kennedy, C. J. Nelson and G. G. Best.

The committee on State and Home Missions reported. Report adopted after remarks by W. H. Ernul.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on State and Home Missions would report: That there are many destitute fields in the State whose wants have not, and, in the nature of things, cannot be supplied by the limited resources of the district Associations. It is the province of the State Mission Board to provide such sections with the preaching of the gospel.

As in the State, so in the extended area of the Southern States, there are some neglected parts of the old States that need help, while there is an imperative demand made upon the now favored sections to send the Gospel to the newly settled States of the Southwest and also to the thousands of Indians who have been placed by a wise Providence in our country.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga., is laboring with wisdom and energy to meet the many demands of this great field.

This Board has also created a Church Building Department, which proposes

to aid feeble churches in erecting houses of worship by lending them money on favorable conditions.

In the judgment of your committee, both the State Board and that of the General Convention should have the sympathy and support of this Association. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ, and that a Christian church may expect to fulfill the ends of its creation only as it illustrates this spirit in its life.

Resolved, That our pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon on the subject of missions during the year, and urge the churches to contribute to both State and Home Missions.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
W. T. JONES,
R. D. CARROLL,
Committee.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Dr. Pritchard. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Whereas, Christian and church efficiency must depend largely upon the intelligence of the membership in regard to the religious needs of the world in home and foreign fields, and the state of the work being prosecuted by our various denominational boards; and whereas, we are richly blessed with religious newspapers giving just the information we need; therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors be urged to press the necessity of a good religious newspaper in every family in every church in this Association, and that each church be requested to appoint a committee to canvass their congregation in this behalf.

And further resolved, That we recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the religious newspaper for North Carolina Baptists. Your committee would also respectfully suggest that our Sunday Schools should obtain their lesson helps from the American Baptist Publication Society or other undoubted Baptist Publishers.

A. J. HIRES,
R. C. SANDLING,
C. A. JENKINS,
Committee.

Association adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Elder R. C. Sandling. Text, Matt. 28 : 19. At close of sermon a collection was taken for Foreign Missions. Amount of collection, $16.07.

Moderator called the Association to order.

The letters from Mt. Gilead and Boykin's Chapel were referred to a committee consisting of Elders A. J. Hires, C. A. Jenkins and W. T. Jones.

On motion, Elders T. H. Pritchard, T. Whitfield and J. L. Stewart were added to the committee.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Dr. Whitfield. By motion of Elder A. J. Hires, Dr. Whitfield was requested to lead the Association in prayer for Brother E. F. Baldwin, who sails to-day for a foreign field. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report. This is the work which our Lord enjoined upon us by the great commission. There are still 900,000,000 of people to whom it is our solemn duty to send the gospel. Two brethren have been called of God from our midst to preach the gospel to them. Brethren Herring and Bryan are the voice of God arousing us to "go into all

the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Our Foreign Mission force has been greatly increased. The Board has now under appointment 45 foreign missionaries and 43 natives, making a working force of 88. Of these 10 are to sail this month for their respective fields. Certainly we should increase our contributions. The Board at Richmond calls on us to do so. More than $80,000 was received by that Board last year, but they must have $100,000 this year.

What have we done! The contributions for Foreign Missions were from 34 churches and amount to $277.15. This is an increase upon that received last year. But it is to be regretted that 22 churches have reported nothing, and some of these are our stronger ones; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That every church of this Association is urged to make at least one collection for Foreign Missions during the year.

2nd. That as the Foreign Mission Board has called upon North Carolina Baptists for $8,000 this year, this Association will endeavor to raise its proportion of that amount.

T. WHITFIELD,
J. M. WOOTEN,
G. A. HERRING,
Committee.

Adjourned to 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Brother G. Clute.

Dr. Pritchard announced that he had on hand a number of copies of the *Foreign Mission Journal* which he wished to distribute among the brethren.

Report of committee on Education was read and made special order for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The committee on Requests reported as follows:

Your committee on Requests would respectfully report: The following churches have requested through their letters or delegates letters of dismission for the purpose of organizing a new Association, viz: Antioch, Bear Marsh, Beaufort, Davis Shore, Enon, Falling Creek, Fort Barnwell, Goldsboro, Kinston, LaGrange, Morehead City, Mt. Calvary, Newbern, Piny Grove, (Onslow), Piny Grove (Jones), Polloksville, Snow Hill, Smyrna, Union, Woodville, Young Bethel. We recommend that their request be granted.

T. WHITFIELD,
W. B. KNIGHT,
E. A. BEST,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Mt. Olive was chosen as the place of next meeting.

The committee to nominate Preachers for next session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Elder W. M. Kennedy; alternate, Elder J. L. Britt. Missionary Sermon, Elder T. H. Pritchard; alternate, Elder J. L. Stewart.

The committee on Temperance reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee respectfully report that the general discussion of this great moral question during the past several years by the press, the church and other organizations, has resulted in a better understanding on the part of our people of the Bible teachings on the subject, and of our duties and obligations with respect to it.

The time was that not only the moderate use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, but also their manufacture and sale, were considered by many good people no breach of the divine law and no barrier to Christian fellowship. That time, we are glad to say, has passed away; our people are better informed.

The fearful and growing evils of intemperance that corrupt us throughout our land, and the agitation of the temperance question outside the church have led or driven Christians to a more thorough and conscientious study of those portions of God's word that bear upon the temperance question. Hence, the general Christian sentiment of to-day is that Bible temperance is the moderate use of what is lawful, and total abstinence from what is hurtful.

If it be asked, "Is the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage hurtful?" the Bible emphatically answers: 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20: 1. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine." Prov. 23: 29, 30. Or if it be asked, "Is it wrong to visit bar-rooms, or drink intoxicating liquors as a beverage?" the Bible gives an emphatic affirmative answer, "Be not among winebibbers." Prov. 23: 20. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23: 31, 32.

The fearful growth and increasingly destructive power of the liquor traffic, the welfare of the youth of our country, the purity and efficiency of the churches, all demand that we stand fairly and squarely upon the Bible platform of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,
C. J. NELSON,
J. W. BIDDLE,
Committee.

Finance Committee reported. (See Table.)

Finance Committee was ordered to pay over all moneys to Treasurer of the Association.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See second page.)

Report of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School was read and made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Bro. R. J. Walker was given final leave of absence. Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9 o'lock a. m., conducted by Eld. T. J. Leary. Association convened at 9½ o'clock. Preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder W. T. Jones.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See second page.)

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay over the several amounts of money in his hands, to the persons to whom they are due.

Adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 9th, 1884.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder T. J. Leary.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported. The report was amended and any brother attending the Convention from within our bounds was authorized to represent us.

The special order having arrived, the report on Education was taken up.

Elders C. A. Jenkins and T. H. Pritchard addressed the body upon the subject of Education.

Pending the motion to adopt, list of churches was called and the following

pledges made for Ministerial Education: Bethel, $5.00; Beulah, $5.00; Boykin's Chapel, $5.00; Clinton, $10.00; Concord, $5.00; Corinth, $5.00; Island Creek, $5.00; Johnson's, $10.00; Kenansville, $5.00; Long Creek, $2.00; Maple Hill, $3.00; Mary's Chapel, $5.00; Moore's Creek, $5.00; Mt. Gilead, $10.00; Mt. Olive, $10.00; New Hope, $5.00; Olive Branch, $1.00, paid; Piny Grove (Sampson), $5.00; Riley's Creek, $5.00; Shiloh, $5.00; Warsaw, $10.00; Wells' Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $75.00; Willard, $5.00. Total, $221.00.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education respectfully report that this subject is taking great hold upon the minds of our people, and our condition in this respect is more favorable than at any previous period in our history. The various institutions of learning are, so far as we can learn, well patronized, and we refer with great pleasure to the stand taken by Wake Forest College. We learn that there are quite a number of young ministers there seeking an education; and as by means of an education they are better prepared for the great work of our Master; as, too, the membership at large are advancing in intelligence, and the pulpit should be superior to the pew—we would earnestly urge upon the churches the great importance of sustaining these brethren in their efforts. With pleasure we note the success of Bro. Taylor in securing the first installment of one hundred thousand dollars of the Endowment.

As is Wake Forest to our young men, such is the Chowan Baptist Female Institute for our young ladies. The work done by this excellent school is substantial and thorough. We confidently recommend it for the patronage of our people. We cheerfully indorse and recommend to our brethren our Associational school at Warsaw.

Not only are finishing schools and colleges of high grade necessary—we must must have a substantial basis, which can be laid only in the preparatory and academic schools. Our schools are doing an essential work, and one that we cannot entrust to our Pedobaptist friends.

May the great source of all knowledge advance our people in wisdom and information.

DAVID S. KENNEDY,
WILL. B. OLIVER,
JOHN P. JOYNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We have a cheering report to make of the condition of our school at Warsaw. At the last session of the Association it was stated that our school building was sadly in need of repairs; but it affords us pleasure to report that under the skilful management of the efficient Principals, a neat new fence has been placed around the grounds, the main building repaired and repainted, which, with many other changes and improvements, give a decidedly attractive appearance.

During the past year the progress has been marked and gratifying.

The catalogue for the year shows an enrollment of 125 pupils from every section of Eastern Carolina. Three young men preparing themselves for the ministry have received instruction at this school. The prospects of the school for the present year are truly encouraging.

The Principals tell us that the buildings are not sufficient to meet the demands of the patronage, and we would urge upon the Association the necessity of meeting the demands of our school. The corps of instructors remains the same as last year, and we note with pleasure that the teachers have given universal satisfaction in their work.

The rental has been applied to raising the indebtedness of the institution.

We, the Trustees, have given to the Principals an increase of lease for five years. And they now hold a lease for ten years.

Instruction is given in all the branches taught in a first class school; the charges are reasonable. and we take pleasure in recommending the school as one worthy of patronage.

L. R. CARROLL,
Chairman of Board of Trustees.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Executive committee which has reference to the support of Bro. R. T. Bryan, reported.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders T. H. Pritchard, J. T. Albritton, W. B. Oliver and brethren F. W. Hancock, J. S. Bizzell and Dr. J. D. Roberts.

List of churches was called and the following pledges made for Foreign Missions:

Bethel, $5; Beulah, $5: Boykin's Chapel, $5; Clinton, $10; Concord, $2.50; Corinth, $2; Dobson's Chapel, $10; Mary's Chapel, $5; Island Creek, $5; Johnson's $12.50; Kenansville, $15; Maple Hill, $2; Masonboro, $2; Moore's Creek, $5; Mt. Gilead, $5; Mt. Olive, $25; New Hope, $10; Olive Branch, $2; Piny Grove (Sampson), $5, Riley's Creek, $5; T. J. Jarman, $2; Warsaw, $20; Well's Chapel, $15; Wilmington, $100; Willard, $5. Total, $282.50.

REPORT.

Recognizing the call to increased liberality in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions, in the that fact God has chosen two of our young men to be missionaries in China, your committee would earnestly recommend to the churches of the Eastern, and proposed new Association, the raising of six hundred dollars this year for this cause, one-half the salary of a missionary.

Your committee would further express the hope that, by a more general diffusion of an active missionary spirit among the churches, and the multiplication of female missionary societies, we may be able next year to raise the full support of a foreign missionary, when Bro. Bryan shall have been accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions and gone to his chosen field of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
W. M. KENNEDY,
D. J. MIDDLETON,
THEO. WHITFIELD,
W. J. MONTFORD,
T. J. LEARY,
Committee.

A motion was made that the pastors or some other brethren be requested to explain this Foreign Mission work to their respective churches immediately.

Remarks by D. S. Kennedy, Elders J. T. Albritton and T. Whitfield.

Motion prevailed.

On motion, the report of the Executive Committee was taken from the table.

Remarks by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

List of churches was called, and the following pledges made for Associational Missions:

Barlow Chapel, $3; Bethlehem, $10, Beulah, $2; Clinton, $10; Concord, $2; Corinth, $5; Island Creek, $5; Johnson's, $2.50; Kenansville, $5; Lisbon, $10; Long Creek, $3; Mary's Chapel, $10; Masonboro, $2; Moore's Creek, $5; Mt. Gilead, $5; Mt. Holly, $10; Mt. Olive, $10; New Hope, $10; Piny Grove (Sampson), $10; Riley's Creek, $10; Salem, $5; Shiloh, $8; Warsaw, $10; Wilmington, $30; Well's Chapel, $10. Total, $202.50.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the mercy of God we are permitted to present this our annual report of our labors for the year now closing.

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

We have had in our employment, for the whole or a part of their time, the following brethren, viz: W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, C. S. Cashwell, W. T. Jones and R. T. Bryan.

THE WORK DONE.

Rev. W. B. Knight has labored at Snow Hill, Antioch and other points in Greene and Pitt counties. Sermons preached 80, visited many families and organized several Sabbath-schools, and done considerable work on meeting houses.

Rev. T. J. Leary has preached 113 sermons, baptized 24 and done a good work in the Sunday-school cause. He has reorganized one church and done something in the way of building new houses of worship. His labors have been greatly blessed.

Rev. C. S. Cashwell has preached 155 sermons, baptized 29, and several have been restored. He has done a good work and the Lord has greatly blessed his labors. He has collected on his field about $450.

Rev. R. T. Bryan has labored four months at different points within the Association. He has preached 136 sermons, baptisms reported 180, collected on the field $348.15. His labors have been greatly blessed in the conversion of souls and in the awakening of the churches to their duty in the cause of Foreign Missions. We earnestly recommend to this body to adopt Brother Bryan as its missionary to China.

Rev. W. T. Jones has labored at Beaufort and Morehead City. Sermons preached 72, baptisms 46; Sunday-schools at both points in good condition. He has done some work at other points with marked success.

Dear Brethren: In the language of our annual report for last year, "we lay before you a report of our year's labors in the hope that it may meet your approval. We may have made mistakes, but we have done the best we could under the circumstances."

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

The committee to whom was referred queries contained in the letter from Mt. Gilead reported. The matter was discussed by quite a number of the brethren. The following was adopted: As to the 1st—"Has a regular organized Baptist church the right to disband and to reorganize without calling a Presbytery?" we recommend this answer: A church should not disband in order to secure the ends for which discipline was instituted. In case of reorganization, the church reorganized is a new body. Furthermore, such important changes should not be attempted without the advice of sister churches where that can be had.

As to the 2nd—"Would a letter granted from a church thus disbanded and reorganized be valid?" we recommend this answer: It might be valid.

T. H. PRITCHARD, Chairman of Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Deacon Lewis Highsmith, a member of the church at Well's Chapel, Sampson county, died at his residence on the 27th of May, 1884, in the 81st year of his age. Very few men with similar advantages for education and early training have been honored more in the various callings of men in a long and eventful

life than was the subject of this notice. By dint of industry, energy and perseverance, he prepared himself to be one of the most useful members of society, both in civil and religious matters. He was, in the common acceptation of the phrase, a self-made man. He was for a long time a member of the Executive Board of our Association, which office he honored and dignified by his efficient services, holding it till his health failed. He was a firm pillar and a strong stake among the Baptists at home and abroad. Having had very poor educational advantages, he could sympathize with all such, and, therefore, he contributed of his means liberally to our educational enterprises.

It is to be hoped that the father's mantle has been bestowed by Divine Providence upon his only son, who is now a member of the same Board. May he in proportion to the better means which he has enjoyed become still more serviceable to the church and the world. We trust Brother Highsmith has left a name worthy to be remembered and a life which should be imitated by us all. We hope our Heavenly Father has called him to a rich reward in heaven. He left three surviving children, one son and two daughters, and an aged widow, the stepmother of his children. May the rich blessings of our God be meted out to them in their lives and in their deaths.

Brother Bennett Brewer, a member of Piny Grove church, Sampson county, died at his residence on the 8th of January, 1884, aged about 45 or 50. We have lost by his death one of our most exemplary members, a good Christian worker, and one whose heart seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Christianity. The characteristics of the good man were as fully developed in him as we have ever seen them in the life of any one with whom we have been acquainted. He was a kind and affectionate husband, a fond and indulgent father and a most obliging neighbor. He left a very interesting family—a widow and seven children,—his only daughter, sick at his death, survived him but a few weeks. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. May the Lord bless his family and be unto them a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.

Deacon John Vann, a member of Mt. Gilead church, died at his home in Sampson county in last June, in the 83rd or 84th year of his age. His usefulness was confined mostly to the church in his community. Perhaps his greatest work has been the education and religious training of a large family of children, all of whom have attached themselves to the Baptist churches and are among the most useful in the churches. May the Lord be very gracious to his aged widow, being a husband to her and a father to his children.

Deacon John Carlton, a member of the church at Johnson's, died at his residence in Duplin county, in June last, about 65 years of age. Brother Carlton was a man of modest and unaffected deportment. Industrious, energetic and persevering he succeeded in accumulating a considerable fortune, with which he was enabled to do much good for the cause of education and religion. His life has been blessed, as we believe, by his having brought up his children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, his sons and daughters both being among the most active and efficient workers in the church and Sunday-school. May the Lord comfort and console his widow, the stepmother of his children, and prepare her for the events in His providence.

R. C. SANDLING,
J. B. BARLOW,
O. M. MATTHIS,
Committee.

Finance Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

We have received for Ministerial Education	$ 65 70
" " " State Missions	29 75
" " " Foreign Missions	133 16
" " " Associational Missions	364 43
" " " Indian Missions	8 70
" " " Sunday School Board	4 35
" " " Morehead City Church	7 00
" " " Oxford Orphan Asylum	1 00
" " " Bro. D. W. Herring	5 00
" " " Minute Fund	72 87
Total	$691 96

J. S. BIZZELL,
M. H. OATES,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

Treasurer of Association reported as follows:

A. M. FAISON, in account with the Eastern Association:

Dr.

Amount received from Finance Committee	$600 22

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Paid D. J. Middleton, Treasurer Executive Committee	$300 12	
" B. F. Montague, Treasurer B. S. C	100 00	
" L. T. Carroll, Clerk	75 00	
Overpaid last year	2 24	
	$477 36	
On hand October 8, 1884	122 86	
		$600 22

Examined and found correct.

F. W. HANCOCK,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
J. M. WOOTEN,
Auditing Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

Pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. J. W. Roberts, F. W. Hancock and R. D. Carroll.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools are gratified to report an increased interest among the churches in Sunday school work. From the church letters we gather that of the fifty-seven churches reporting at this session of the Association, forty-one reports Sunday schools with three hundred and forty-four officers and teachers and thirty-three hundred and sixty-seven scholars, an increase of nine schools, sixty-nine officers and teachers and four hundred and fifty-one scholars. Of the Sunday schools about half report being kept open the whole year.

We regret to see that many of our largest churches and churches of influence in towns and communities have no Sunday school. This is to be regretted.

Your committee is satisfied that a well conducted Sabbath school is an auxiliary to church work and the extension of the gospel that should not be neglected.

We would urge upon all the churches that have no Sunday school, the necessity of organizing one immediately. We know of no better means of dissemina-

ting Baptist doctrine, than in a well conducted Baptist Sunday school using the Baptist Bible lessons as published by the American Baptist Publication Society. We would deprecate the use in Baptist Sunday schools of non-Baptist books. One of the great needs of Sunday schools is an increase of interest among the older church members. Let our older members take hold of this work as teacher and scholars, and we will find a still greater increase in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. JENKINS,
GILES CLUTE,
J. D. ROBERTS,
Committee.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer Executive Committee, in account with Eastern Association, Dr.

To amount on hand from old account	$	30 28
Shiloh		11 43
Whitman Price		2 00
D. J. Moore		50
Collection at Union Meeting at Warsaw		13 21
Kenansville		91
Antioch		5 00
Riley's Creek for Bro. W. T. Jones		5 00
Collection, Union Meeting at Kinston		10 92
Rev. Theo. Whitfield		1 00
Collection, Union Meeting at Mary's Chapel		13 70
Falling Creek for Bro. W. T. Jones		3 60
Collection, Union Meeting at Bear Marsh		13 15
1st Baptist Church, Wilmington		13 28
From Treasurer of Association at present session		364 43
		$488 41

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By amount paid Elder W. B. Knight	$100	00
" " " C. S. Cashwell	100	00
" " " T. J. Leary	100	00
" " " W. T. Jones	187	50
	$487	50
Balance on hand		91
October 9, 1884.		$488 41

Examined and found correct.

F. W. HANCOCK,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
J. M. WOOTEN,
Auditing Committee.

On motion, letter from Salem was referred to Executive Committee.

Elder A. J. Hires offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Bible is pre-eminently the authority of Baptist faith and practice; the solid rock of truth on which alone we can safely build; the unfailing ground of our standing protest against all popish substitution and mere tradition, and the best of all books that the world contains; and whereas, the Bible Department of the American Baptist Publication Society is now the only Bible Society in America through which we can honorably work in the distribution of God's word in this land; and whereas, there is much destitution reported by our missionaries and colporteurs; therefore,

Resolved, That we advise the churches of the Association to make an annual collection for this work, sending it to Rev. C. C. Bitting, Bible Secretary, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

After remarks by Elders T. H. Pritchard and A. J. Hires, the resolution passed.

Dr. J. D. Robets offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend the thanks of this body to the citizens of Polloksville and surrounding country for their hospitality; and to the different railroads and steamboat companies for reduced fare extended to the members of this body; also to the Methodist denomination for the tender of their house of worship for our use during the session.

Bro. F. W. Hancock offered the following, which passed:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the movement now on foot among our brethren in the State to establish an Orphan Home for the orphans of our denomination.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has seemed expedient to a number of churches heretofore constituent members of this body to go out from us in order to organize a new Association, therefore,

Resolved, That we dismiss these churches with a hearty approval of the end they have in view: that we will follow them with our sympathies and prayers; will aid them to the extent of our ability in their missionary work, and will take pleasure in keeping up a regular correspondence with them.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $15 for his services, and was ordered to have 1,500 copies of the Minutes printed.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Mount Olive, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1885.

Appropriate closing services were conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy and benediction pronounced.

J. L. STEWART,
MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT,
Clerk.

FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Place of Meeting—Mt. Olive, Wayne county, N. C.
Time—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1885.
Introductory Sermon—Elder W. M. Kennedy.
Alternate—Elder J. L. Britt.
Missionary Sermon—Elder T. H. Pritchard.
Alternate—Elder J. L. Stewart.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associat'l Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total for all Objects.
Antioch	$75 00	$	$	$1 75	$	$5 00	$	$	$	$1 00	$82 75
Barlow Chapel	25 00	3 00				2 00				50	30 50
Bear Marsh	125 00		5 00			3 00				2 00	135 00
Beaufort					5 00	9 00					14 00
Berea	70 00				3 59	3 00				65	77 24
Bethel	100 00	25 00	7 00		7 00				43 35	2 50	184 85
Bethlehem	75 00		5 00	2 00	5 00	2 00				1 50	90 50
Beulah						11 22				75	11 97
Boykin's Chapel	75 00		5 00			5 00				2 00	87 00
Bear Branch									1 00	50	1 50
Burgaw											
Caintuck	60 00		2 00	10 00			2 00	3 00	35	1 00	81 35
Concord	125 00		4 50			23 00			1 00	1 50	155 00
Colvin's Creek	50 00	20 00			1 25	1 25				50	73 00
Clinton	125 00	100 00	5 00		5 00	10 00				1 50	246 50
Corinth	100 00				2 00	10 00					
Dobson's Chapel	100 00				8 89	5 20				75	114 84
Emma's Chapel	100 00				5 00					1 30	106 30
Enon	120 00				2 50	10 00			5 00	1 00	138 50
Falling Creek	100 00	45 79		5 00	2 50	7 50		5 65	6 00	1 25	173 69
Fort Barnwell	125 00									1 00	126 00
Goldsboro'	900 00	210 00	9 50	10 00	49 25	17 25		2 65	191 20	3 00	1,392 85
Hallsville	105 00					3 00				1 62	109 62
Haw Bluff	72 00					5 00				65	77 65
Island Creek	100 00	25		1 00	11 00	10 00				1 00	148 00
Johnson's	125 00		9 60	3 00	5 00	15 00		3 50		75	159 85
Kinston	450 00	75 00	6 45	6 85	7 40			8 70	9 88	2 50	566 78
Kenansville	50 00		5 00		91	5 00				1 00	61 91
Lisbon	125 00					10 00				75	135 75

Long Creek			2 00		2 00	3 00		3 05		1 25	11 30
Magnolia	50 00					19 00				2 00	62 00
Maple Hill	60 00				1 00	1 00				1 00	63 00
LaGrange	125 00					15 10				1 50	141 60
Mary's Chapel					5 00	10 00				1 00	16 00
Masonboro'	100 00	30 00			2 00	2 00	1 00			2 00	137 00
Moore's Creek	100 00	4 50			2 32	5 00			15 00	1 50	128 32
Morehead City	125 00				2 50	5 57	1 00			1 50	135 57
Mt. Calvary			5 75		8 50	7 25				50	22 25
Mt. Gilead	125 00					17 25				1 50	141 50
Mt. Holly					2 63	10 00				1 25	13 88
Mt. Olive	250 00	100 00	10 00	6 00						1 50	367 50
Newbern	800 00	237 41	10 00	34 76	50 00	10 00	9 77	10 00	60 57	3 00	1,200 50
New Hope	150 00				15 00	20 00	6 10		30 15	1 50	222 75
Piny Grove (Jones)						5 00					
Piny Grove (Onslow)	50 00									1 00	51 00
Piny Grove (Sampson)	150 00		3 00		4 42	10 00				55	167 97
Polloksville			2 00		3 00	3 00					8 00
Poplar Grove	75 00	10 00		4 90						75	90 65
Riley's Creek	125 00				23 26	18 00		1 00		1 50	163 76
Rose Hill					60					1 00	1 60
Salem	24 75	5 00								50	30 25
Shiloh		17 39	2 00		4 50	4 50		4 00	36 21	1 00	69 60
Smyrna										1 00	1 00
Snow Hill	30 00	90 00				2 00				1 00	123 00
Union	100 00	30 00								1 00	131 00
Warsaw	150 00	20 00	6 00		15 00	25 00		7 50			223 50
Wells' Chapel			5 00		10 00	15 00			64 02	2 00	96 00
Wilmington	2500 00	1200 60	102 22	98 50	38 31	30 00		13 31	287 00	4 00	4,273 94
Woodville				2 00		3 00				50	5 50
Willard			2 00		2 00	2 50				50	7 00
Young Belthel				3 00		4 00				50	7 50
Olive Branch	53 23	28 25								1 00	82 48
Davis Shore				2 00		3 00				50	5 50
Total	$7620 98	$2152 19	$215 02	$190 76	$303 33	$414 59	$19 87	$62 36	$750 73	$71 77	$11,801 60

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions. Baptized.	Rec. by lett'r	Experie'ce.	Restored.	Losses Dis. by lett'r	Excluded.	Died.	Membership. White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch	....	....	...	...	...	1	...	10	18	...	28	4th Sunday.
Barlow Chapel	....	....	...	...	...	...	1	6	11	...	17	2d Sunday.
Bear Marsh	10	1	...	2	8	4	3	63	130	...	193	3d Sunday.
Beaufort	8	2	...	3	1	6	...	23	41	...	64	
Berea	10	1	...	...	12	...	1	30	47	...	77	2d Sunday.
Bethel	28	5	...	1	7	...	2	46	70	...	116	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem	7	4	...	2	4	...	1	40	72	...	112	2d Sunday.
Beulah	16	5	...	...	1	...	2	44	60	...	104	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	3	2	...	1	5	..	3	46	83	...	129	2d Sunday.
Bear Branch	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	13	16	...	29	4th Sunday.
Burgaw	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	5	14	...	19	
Caintuck	4	2	...	3	...	2	...	27	34	...	61	1st Sunday.
Concord	18	2	...	...	4	...	1	37	70	12	119	1st Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	3	1	...	...	1	3	...	27	26	...	53	1st Sunday.
Corinth	27	....	...	2	3	2	1	58	80	...	138	3rd Sunday.
Clinton	27	7	...	1	5	1	...	28	57	...	85	3rd Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	....	10	...	...	...	...	...	28	43	...	71	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	4	....	...	...	...	...	1	22	34	...	56	1st Sunday.
Enon	1	....	...	1	...	1	...	24	34	...	58	4th Sunday.
Falling Creek	4	....	...	..	1	1	2	23	49	...	72	2d Sunday.
Fort Barnwell	6	1	...	1	...	1	2	12	31	...	43	1st Sunday.
Goldsboro	21	4	...	5	4	2	3	68	141	...	209	Every Sund'y
Hallsville	9	1	...	...	3	5	1	35	75	...	110	4th Sunday.
Haw Bluff	21	14	...	2	40	1	3	37	70	1	108	3rd Sunday.
Island Creek	21	....	...	1	3	3	2	67	123	...	190	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	....	1	...	...	3	3	1	39	80	15	120	3rd Sunday.
Kinston	5	4	...	4	...	1	1	25	45	...	70	3rd S. ea. m'th
Kenansville	....	....	...	..	3	4	1	14	34	...	48	2d Sunday.
Lisbon	1	2	...	2	7	1	1	47	59	...	106	1st Sunday.
Long Creek	11	....	...	5	2	3	...	56	71	...	127	1st Sunday.
Magnolia	50	....	...	3	...	...	2	92	164	...	256	4th Sunday.
Maple Hill	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	23	26	...	49	4th Sunday.
LaGrange	1	1	...	...	2	...	1	15	24	...	39	4th Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	1	....	...	...	...	3	1	35	41	..	76	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	13	2	...	...	1	...	7	68	96	1	165	2d Sunday.
Moore's Creek	8	4	...	1	7	...	...	43	68	...	111	4th Sunday.
Morehead City	37	6	...	1	5	2	...	36	65	...	101	2&4th Sund'ys
Mt. Calvary	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	6	12	...	18	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	31	2	...	2	...	...	1	54	82	...	136	4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly	24	2	...	1	3	...	1	51	103	3	157	
Mt. Olive	11	6	...	2	3	4	2	36	80	...	116	2&4th Sund'ys
Newbern	34	8	...	...	5	2	7	72	133	...	205	Every Sund'y
New Hope	....	....	..	..	10	5	2	56	113	...	169	2d Sunday.
Piny Grove (Jones)	12	....	...	...	2	1	2	18	36	...	54	3rd Sunday.
Piny Grove (Onslow)	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	23	46	...	69	4th Sunday.
Piny Grove (Sampson)	....	4	...	4	4	...	2	65	113	11	189	2d Sunday.
Polloksville	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	7	17	...	24	
Poplar Grove	13	....	...	...	...	...	...	22	27	...	49	3rd Sunday.
Riley's Creek	10	....	...	1	6	..	2	51	99	...	150	3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill	....	1	...	...	...	...	1	5	14	...	19	3rd Sunday.
Salem	....	4	...	...	2	5	1	8	19	...	27	4th Sunday.
Shiloh	20	2	2	2	6	...	1	60	127	...	187	3rd Sunday.
Smyrna	8	1	:	3	9	...	3	27	58	..	85	2d Sunday.
Snow Hill	....	....	...	...	1	...	...	8	12	...	20	3rd Sunday.
Union	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	7	21	...	28	2d Sunday.
Warsaw	32	5	...	1	4	4	3	96	155	...	251	1st Sunday.
Wells' Chapel	42	3	...	3	15	2	5	.....	.....	...	217	2d Sunday.
Wilmington	11	15	...	4	23	2	10	118	235	...	353	Every Sund'y
Woodville	....	....	...	2	4	1	...	9	23	...	32	4th Sunday.
Willard	1	....	...	...	...	...	...	20	18	...	38	
Young Bethel	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	15	1st Sunday.
Olive Branch	5	2	...	...	...	2	...	24	32	...	56	3rd Sunday.
Davis Shore	4	1	...	1	..	12	...	36	40	...	76	3rd Sunday.
	651	147	2	66	...	90	87	2181	3817	43	6312	

Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Antioch	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill	J. C. Cox, Greenville.
Barlow Chapel	D. F. Aman, Snead's Ferry	R. M. Sidbury, Sloop Point.
Bear Marsh	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	Jno. King, Mt. Olive.
Bethel		M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.
Beaufort	W. T. Jones, Beaufort	J. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Boykin's Chapel	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	T. J. Blackburn, Clinton.
Berea		J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bethlehem	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	W. C. Keith, Point Caswell.
Bear Branch	D. C. Kelly, Point Caswell	W. B. Brinson, jr., Pt. Caswell
Burgaw		A. E. Taylor.
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	J. T. Kennedy, Magnolia.
Corinth	G. S. Best, Kenansville	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Colvin's Creek	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	W. S. Harrell, Point Caswell.
Caintuck Chapel	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	D. J. Corbett, Point Caswell.
Davis Shore	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	R. L. Paul, Davis.
Dobson's Chapel	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	H. C. Stringfield, Kenansville
Emma's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	H. B. Marshburn, Richlands
Enon	C. S. Cashwell, Polloksville	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek.
Falling Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	G. P. Britt, Grantham's Store
Fort Barnwell	C. S. Cashwell, Polloksville	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.
Goldsboro	Theo. Whitfield, Goldsboro	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Hallsville	W. B. Oliver, Mt. Olive	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff	J. B. Downing, White Oak	L. C. Roswell, Colly.
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Johnson's	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	J. H. Gillespie, Warsaw	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kinston	A. J. Hires, Kinston	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek.
LaGrange	A. J. Hires, Kinston	J. P. Joyner, LaGrange.
Lisbon	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	Richard Herring, Clear Run.
Maple Hill	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	A. E. Benton.
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	F. M. Southerland, Ken'sville
Masonboro	G. S. Best, Kenansville	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Morehead City	W. T. Jones, Beaufort	I. B. Willis, Morehead City.
Mt. Calvary	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	R. A. Parker, Brogden's Mill.
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
Mt. Olive	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	Jesse T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.
Mt. Holly		I. Carroll, South Wilmington.
Magnolia	J. H. Gillespie, Magnolia	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.
Newbern	C. A. Jenkins, Newbern	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
New Hope		J. L. Carroll, Warsaw.
Olive Branch	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D. H. Workman, Wilmington
Piny Gr. (Onslow)	C. S. Cashwell, Polloksville	W. E. Morton, Swansboro.
Piny Gr. (Jones)	C. S. Cashwell, Polloksville	J. W. Whittie, Polloksville.
Piny Gr, (Samp.)	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. W. Lane, Faison's.
Polloksville	C. S. Cashwell, Polloksville	T. A. Bell, Polloksville.
Poplar Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison's.
Rose Hill	E. A. Best, Richlands	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point.
Salem	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. D. Congleton, Snead's Ferry
Snow Hill	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill	P. C. Padelford, Snow Hill.
Smyrna	T. J. Leary	A. S. Willis.
Shiloh		J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k
Union	C. S. Cashwell, Polloksville	T. A. Rouse, Seven Springs.
Warsaw	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.
Wells' Chapel		J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store.
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard		F. A. Fennell, Willard.
Young Bethel	T. J. Leary, Harlowe	T. M. Leary, Harlowe.
Woodville	T. J. Leary Harlowe	David Arthur, Beaufort.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Vols. in Library.	No. months in year School kept open.
Antioch,	Richard McGlohon,	9	55		12
Barlow Chapel,	James Andrews,	4	15	40	
Bethel,	M. H. Oates,	7	45		6
Beulah,	G. W. Marsh,	6	40		12
Boykin's Chapel,	J. C. Howard,	8	45		
Berea,	T. W. Stallings,	6	72		12
Bethlehem,	Wm. Anderson,	6	50	100	10
Concord,	W. A. Moore,	6	40		12
Corinth,	I. J. Johnson,	7	88		12
Colvin's Creek,	R. C. Henry,	9	47		12
Caintuck Chapel,	T. O. Flinn,	9	47	175	12
Davis Shore,	M. V. B. Davis,	10	50	30	
Dobson's Chapel,	H. C. Stringfield,	5	36		
Emma's Chapel,	Willis Barbee,	16	68		12
Falling Creek,	W. H. Hood,	9	58		12
Fort Barnwell,	J. W. Biddle,	5	30		
Goldsboro,	H. L. Grant,	23	110		12
Haw Bluff,	L. C. Roswell,	9	60		
Island Creek,	C. Harrell,	6	60		9
Johnson's,	W. H. Middleton,	5	68		9
Kinston,	E. F. Cox,	8	96		12
LaGrange,	J. S. Bizzell,	13	62		
Long Creek,	M. E. Herring,	2	40		
Mary's Chapel,	F. M. Southerland,	7	25		12
Masonboro,	Elijah Hewlett,	6	50		12
Moore's Creek,					
Morehead City,	H. S. Lee,	13	90	140	12
Mt. Calvary,	George F. Parker,	3	15		12
Mt. Gilead,	B. Matthis,	13	100		12
Mt. Olive,	J. F. Oliver,	13	145		12
Magnolia,	B. C. Barden,	6	60	100	12
Newbern,	B. M. Gates,	23	136	100	12
New Hope,		5	60		12
Olive Branch,	J. T. Edens,	5	40		12
Poplar Grove,	R. R. Bell,	8	59	120	12
Riley's Creek,	G. W. Walker,	5	25	25	9
Snow Hill,	P. C. Padelford,	6	30	40	12
Smyrna,	A. S. Willis,	9	65		
Shiloh,	J. P. Stringfield,	7	103		12
Union,	G. C. Davis,	2	30		
Warsaw,	Isaac Brown,	8	100		12
Well's Chapel,	N. F. Highsmith,				
Wilmington,	Wm. A. French,	24	200	400	12
Woodville,	David Arthur,	6	30	50	12
		370	2,645	1,345	

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE. 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MT. OLIVE, WAYNE COUNTY, N C., October 6th, 1885.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its forty-first annual session in the Mt. Olive church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Pope. Adjourned to 2½ o'clock.

Association assembled at the appointed hour. In the absence of the former Moderator, who was kept away by sickness, Elder W. M. Kennedy was called to the chair *pro tem.*

Religious exercises conducted by the Moderator. Elder T. Carrick led in prayer

List of churches called and a majority found to be represented Brethren L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland were appointed reading clerks.

On motion, a Finance Committee was appointed consisting of B. Matthews, J. C. Hines and E. D. Wells.

On motion, brother I. Carroll was recognized as a delegate from Mt. Holly.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of pastor and deacons of this church and J. T. Bland.

Letters from churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel—F. P. Alderman, L. W. Alderman.
Beulah—J. L. Britt, W. J. Moore, L. D. Rogers.
Boykin's Chapel—J. L. Boykin, C. D. Peterson, R. L. Lewis.
Bear Marsh—Allen King, F. Loftin, R. J. Walker.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland.
Clinton—H. B. Giddens, B. S. Peterson, J. W. Powell.
Concord—J. T. Kennedy, J. B. Heath, W. M. Drew.
Corinth—Jas. C. Williams, Jas. G. Boon, B. F. Fussell.
Dobson's Chapel—W. H. Murray, Thos. Kilpatrick.
Emma's Chapel—A. B. Cox, H. L. Cox.
Hallsville—C. C. Williams, C. F. Southerland.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, F. Savage, A. Rivenbark.
Johnson's—D. S. Kennedy, L. Middleton, J. H. Gilespie.
Kenansville—D. J. Middleton, K. Bryan.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, W. Lewis.
Lisbon—O. Blackburn, E. C. Herring, A. B. Kelly.
Mary's Chapel—W. K. Southerland, F. M. Southerland, G. McGowan.
Masonboro—B. S. Montford, E. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—Jno. Moore, H. S. Alderman.
Mt. Gilead—Stephen Peterson, E. Peterson, B. Matthews.
Mt. Olive—J. F. Olive, J. H. Loftin, W. T. Gresham.
Mt. Holly—I. Carroll.
New Hope—L. R. Carrol, C. E. Daniel.
Olive Branch—J. B. Barlow.
Piny Grove—J. C. Hobbs, J. C. Hines.
Poplar Grove—R. R. Bell, H. W. Darden.
Rose Hill—W. P. Kelly.
Riley's Creek—W. W. Larkins, S. Blossom, W. B. Hocut.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring.
Warsaw—A. M. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, E. D. Wells.
Well's Chapel—A. E. Colwell, J. F. Lewis, J. P. Faison.
Wilmington—J. M. Chasten, E. H. Freeman, A. Alderman.

Willard—F. A. Fennell.
Teachey—H. M. Croom, M. W. Teachey.
Caswell—H. M. Driver.

The following churches were represented by letter: Barlow Chapel, Berea, Bethlehem, Bear Branch, Colvin's Creek, Caintuck Chapel, Capernaum, Haw Bluff, Maple Hill and Salem.

Letters from Burgaw, Maple Hill, Salem and Barlow Chapel were referred to the Executive Committee.

Letters from Clinton and Mt. Gilead were laid on the table.

When the church at Magnolia was called two sets of delegates appeared, each bearing a letter; the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Elder Thos. Carrick, Jos. A. Taylor and A. M. Faison.

Association proceeded with next order of business, which was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator—B. S. Montford and Kedar Vann. For Clerk—C. E. Daniel and F. A. Fennell. For Treasurer—J. H. Loftin and E. C. Herring.

Result—Elder W. M. Kennedy was elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that committees be appointed on the same subjects as last year.

Article 3 of the Constitution was changed so as to read as follows: "This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled."

Invitation extended to visiting brethren.

The following accepted the invitation: Elder J. W. Wildman, representative of Home Mission Board; Elder W. B. Pope, Elder D. C. Kelly, of Cape Fear Association; Kedar Vann, of the South River Association.

A letter from Capernaum, which had been inadvertently stricken from the roll of churches, was presented to the Association, and after statements in regard to the matter by Elder C. S. Cashwell, the letter was received and the church, by its own request, dismissed to join the Atlantic Association.

The Clerk was instructed to inform them of the action of the Association.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters from Caswell and Teachey were presented and referred to a committee. Committee—J. T. Bland, O. Blackburn and B. S. Peterson.

On motion committee on Home Missions was appointed. Committee—Elders J. W. Wildman, R. T. Bryan and F. A. Fennell, and made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements reported, as follows:

Preaching to-night at the Baptist church by Elder J. W. Wildman; at the Methodist church by Elder Thos. Carrick. Association meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, by Dr. T. H. Pritchard; adjourn at 12½ o'clock; meet again at 2 o'clock, and adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder R. T. Bryan.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 7th, 1885.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder R. T. Vann.
Moderator called the Association to order.
Roll of delegates called.
Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Dr. T. Whitfield announced himself

present in the interest of Foreign Missions, Elder C. J. Nelson and Bro. J. E. Peterson as messengers from Atlantic Association ; Elder R. T. Vann as representative of Board of Education ; Bro. J. E. Ray as Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention ; Elder C. S. Farriss Associate Editor of BIBLICAL RECORDER ; Elder W. R. Gwaltney as messenger from Beulah Association ; Bro. J. B. Brewer as messenger from West Chowan Association and representative of Chowan Baptist Female Institute; Bro. M. M. Hargrove from Oxford Female Seminary ; Bro. J. H. Mills as representative of Baptist Orphanage Association. All were cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

Committee to examine Petitionary Letters reported, as follows :

Your committee appointed to examine petitionary letters from Caswell and Teachey Baptist churches, beg leave to report that they have examined into the constitution of said churches and are satisfied that the organization of said churches is regular in all respects, having adopted the usual church covenant and the articles of faith taken from the New Hampshire confession. We therefore recommend that both of these churches be admitted.

J. T. BLAND,
B. S. PETERSON,
O. BLACKBURN,
Committee.

Report adopted, and the Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to delegates from the above named churches.

Next order of business—appointment of committees—the following were appointed :

Foreign Missions—Elders R. T. Bryan, Theo. Whitfield and G. A. Herring.
Education—Elders T. H. Pritchard, R. T. Vann and J. B. Brewer.
Periodicals—Elder R. C. Sandling, B. S. Peterson and A. E. Colwell.
Sunday Schools—D. S. Kennedy, E. Hewlett and I. Carroll.
Temperance—Elder J. P. Faison, J. F. Oliver and B. S. Montford.
Requests—L. R. Carroll, E. Hewlett and W. B. Hocut.
Obituaries—Elders T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Barlow and O. Blackburn.
To Nominate Executive Committee—J. L. Boykin, W. W. Larkins and Jno. Moore.
State Missions—J. E. Ray, Dr. J. D. Roberts and R. R. Bell.
Auditing Committee—J. C. Hobbs, B. S. Peterson and J. W. Powell.

Foreign Missions was made special order immediately after Missionary Sermon.

Committee of Arrangments reported, as follows :

Preaching at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock by Elder R. T. Vann ; preaching in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder W. R. Gwaltney ; to-night in the Presbyterian church by Elder R. T. Bryan.

Special order was taken up. Report on Home Missions was read. Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Elder J. W. Wildman, and roll of churches called, and the following pledges made to Home Missions :

Barlow Chapel, 50c.; Bear Marsh, $3.00 ; Berea, $1.00 ; Bethel, $3.00 ; Bethlehem, $3.00 ; Beulah, $2.50 ; Boykin's Chapel, $2.50; Bear Branch, 50c.; Burgaw, $1.00 ; Caintuck Chapel, $1.00 ; Concord $2.50 ; Colvin's Creek, $1.00 ; Corinth, $2.50 ; Clinton, $3.00 ; Dobson's Chapel, $1.00 ; Emma's Chapel, $1.00 ; Hallsville, $2.00 ; Haw Bluff, $2.00 ; Island Creek, $3.00 ; Johnson's, $3.00 ; Kenansville, $3.00 ; Lisbon, $3.00 ; Long Creek, $2.00 ; Magnolia, $2.00 ; Mary's Chapel, $1.50 ; Masonboro, $3.00 ; Maple Hill, 50c.; Moore's Creek, $2.00 ; Mt. Gilead, $2.50 ; Mt. Holly, $2.50 ; Mt. Olive, $3.00; New Hope, $5.00 ; Piny Grove, $3.00 ; Poplar Grove, $1.00 ; Riley's Creek,

$2.50; Rose Hill, $1.00; Salem, 50c.; Shiloh, $3.00; Warsaw, $5.00; Wells' Chapel, $4.00; Wilmington, $50.00; Willard, $2.00; Olive Branch, $1.00; Teachey, $1.50; Caswell, $1.50.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention aims to preach the gospel in destitute places in the South and to the Indians, to furnish instruction to the colored ministry, and to aid in the building of houses of worship where they are needed. During last year the Board had employed 185 missionaries, who supplied 426 churches and stations; baptized 2,931; received 1,733 by letter and constituted 53 new churches. Of these missionaries there labored in Arkansas 21, Florida 34, Indian Territory 21, Louisiana 6, Texas 81, Western North Carolina 12, and in other States 10.

The Board received last year $67,247.82, of which $55,633.17 were spent in the support of missionaries, and about $5,000.00 in church building. During the present year the Board has spent about $15,000.00 in church building and has two hundred missionaries employed. This enlargement of work will require more money. The Board asks North Carolina for $5,000.00, and asks the Eastern Association to contribute $100.00 of the amount.

If we can raise from all sources this year $100,000.00, the Board can pay its 200 missionaries now in the field, furnish instruction to the colored ministry in every State in the South, and induce the building of a hundred houses of worship. Houses of worship are needed. There are a thousand white Baptist churches in the South which have no houses of worship—many of these are places of great importance. Twenty-five county towns in Arkansas are without either Baptist churches or houses of worship. There is a pressing need for fifty missionaries in that State to-day. In Louisiana there are twenty-eight parishes or counties where there is not a Baptist preacher or house of worship.

The five thousand dollars expended in Florida "does not half supply the needs of the field. West Florida alone requires to supply her wants more than all the State receives." Then the mountain region of Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and Western North Carolina is a vast field for missionary labor. The Secretary of the Board says: "The truth is that it would require five times the amount we ask to supply all the destitution which appeals to us for help."

In view of the needs of the work we recommend that the Eastern Association raise among the churches for this work at least one hundred dollars and forward it before next April to Bro. Briggs, and this amount be apportioned among the churches, and printed in the minutes with the name of some member in each church to whom Home Mission intelligence may be sent for distribution.

R. T. BRYAN,
J. W. WILDMAN,
F. A. FENNELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Missionary Sermon was then preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Amount of collection $35.00.

Immediately after the sermon the report on Foreign Missions was read. Remarks were made by Dr. T. Whitfield and Elder R. T. Bryan. Bro. Bryan offered prayer at the close of his remarks.

Roll of churches called and the following pledges made to Foreign Missions: Bear Marsh, $10.00; Bethel, $5.00; Bethlehem, $5.00; Beulah, $8.50; Boykin's Chapel, $7.50; Burgaw, $5.00; Caintuck Chapel, $5.00; Concord, $10.00; Corinth, $10.00; Clinton, $10.00; Dobson's Chapel, $10.00; Hallsville, $5.00; Island Creek, $10.00; Johnson's, $10.00; Kenansville, $15.00; Lisbon, $2.00; Long Creek, $10.00; Magnolia, $10.00; Masonboro, $13.50; Moore's Creek, $9.00; Mt. Gilead, $10.00; Mt. Holly, $12.00; Mt. Olive, $10.00; New Hope, $40.00; Piny Grove, $20.00; Poplar Grove, $4.00; Riley's Creek, $7.00; Rose

Hill, $5.00; Shiloh, $15.00; Warsaw, $50.00; Well's Chapel, $20.00; Wilmington, $100.00: Willard, $5.00; Olive Branch, $2.50; Caswell, $5 00, Teachey, $5.00; J. A. Taylor for Brooklyn Sunday School, $5.00; Mt. Gilead Sunday School, $5.00; Harrell's Sunday School, $5.00.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christianity is a missionary religion. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his," Rom. 8: 9. Christ was a foreign missionary, and his marching order is, "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations." His spirit is the missionary spirit. We are glad that christians everywhere are growing in this spirit. The Southern Baptists are literally carrying out the command to teach all nations, for they have about fifty missionaries besides native assistants who are preaching in every grand division of the world. China in Asia, Italy in Europe, Brazil in South America, Mexico in North America and in Africa.

God is blessing our labors everywhere. We have fallen far short of our duty in this great work. God's never failing promises, his blessings upon our efforts, the millions of heathen whose sad cry is, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," God's direct command, and our sympathy for lost souls, all these urge us to increase our praying, our working and our giving. Great is our sin if we do not. God has given North Carolina three men for the field instead of one, and this calls upon us who remain at home to increase our efforts.

The Foreign Mission Board asks for $100,000.00 from the South. North Carolina is asked to raise $8,000.00 of this amount, which is only eight cents per member. Brethren, surely you are willing to raise and will raise the small amount of eight cents per member in your Association.

Your committee recommend that each church try to raise its proportionate of this sum. We also recommend that each church try to get the *Foreign Mission Journal* in every family.

THEO. WHITFIELD,
G. A. HERRING,
R. T. BRYAN,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have in the table of contributions for all objects, a separate column for contributions sent up by Ladies Missionary Societies.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called Association to order. Prayer by Elder C. S. Farriss.

Committee to whom was referred the case of Magnolia church difficulty, reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to look into the matter of the two letters sent up from Magnolia church, beg leave to make the following report:

1. That upon examination we find neither letter nor set of delegates came up in regular form, but the letters were sent by two respective factions.

2. We recommend that this Association do not recognize either set of delegates.

3. We recommend the following statistical table, as agreed upon by both factions, to be inserted in the minutes of the Association: baptized, 1; received by letter, 6; dismissed by letter, 9; excluded, 2; died, 2; No. of males, 87; No. of females, 161. Whole number, 248. Pastor's salary, $100.00; church expenses, $12.00; minute fund, $2.00. Church clerk, G. M. Swinson, P. O. Magnolia.

4. We would recommend that on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, that the good men of two factions of Magnolia Baptist church come to-

gether in regular conference, pay up the pastor, T. J. Baker, and ask for his resignation, and then unite on some man as pastor of the church.

5. We recommend that the brethren of Magnolia Baptist church lay aside all prejudice and personal feelings in this matter, and that with the pastor, whom the church shall call, that the church shall use such discipline as may be necessary to purge out all members who may not be living christian lives; *Provided, however*, that said discipline be not by some unbending rule, but that it be in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament.

THOS. CARRICK,
A. M. FAISON,
J. A. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported, as follows:

At the last session of this body we reported this school in a flourishing condition. Various needed improvements had recently been made upon the property, which added much to its general appearance, comfort and value. The prospects were truly gratifying. Hence it is with intensified regret that we now report the entire destruction of the school building by fire on the evening of the 21st February, 1885.

The indomitable courage and perseverance of the Principals, however, were equal to the emergency, and in less than three days other buildings were rented, and the school was progressing as before, but of course under less favorable circumstances.

The Principals have recently purchased and enlarged, at their own expense, certain other property adjoining the school property, and are making earnest efforts to estublish such a school as will not only reflect credit upon themselves, but the entire Association.

Brethren, such effort, such zeal, such perseverance in support of such a cause, is worthy of our immediate recognition, and demands our warmest co-operation and support. Another building on the old site is absolutely necessary to make the school what it has been, what it ought to be, and what it will be if you so desire it. Do you desire it?

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by a number of the brethren upon the subject of rebuilding and sustaining the school. The matter was referred to a committee of five, consisting of L. R. Carroll, O. P. Middleton, T. H. Pritchard, J. T. Bland and G. A. Herring.

Letters from Haw Bluff, Bear Marsh and Catharine Lake were presented and read. Letter from Catharine Lake was referred to the Executive Committee.

State Missions was made special order for to-morrow at 9½ o'clock.

Education was made special order for to-morrow at 10½ o'clock.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Mills was requested to address the Association upon the subject of the Baptist Orphanage of the State. He delivered an address of great power upon the subject of Charity, and raised for the Orphanage in cash $46.80.

On motion, decided to hold a session of the Association to-night, and Associational Missions made special order.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. John E. Ray.

NIGHT SESSION.

Moderator mentions the fact that the former Moderator of this body, Elder J. L. Stewart, is kept away by sickness. Prayer is offered for him, led by Elder J. B. Barlow.

Associational Missions being special order, report of Executive Committee was read.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders D. C. Kelly, J. B. Barlow, W. M. Kennedy, and T. H. Pritchard, and brethren J. T. Bland, J. A. Taylor and W. W. Larkins.

Roll of churches called and following pledges made to Associational Missions :

Bethel, $2.00; Beulah, $2.00; Boykin's Chapel, $7.50; Concord, $2.50; Corinth, $2.50; Clinton, $5.00; Dobson's Chapel, $2.00; Emma's Chapel, $2.50; Hallsville, $3.00; Island, $5.00; Johnson's, $10.00; Kenansville, $5.00; Lisbon, $10.00; Mary's Chapel, $6.00; Masonboro, $2.00; Mt. Gilead, $10.00; Mt. Holly, $5.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; New Hope, $5.00; Olive Branch, $1.00; Riley's Creek, $10.00; Warsaw, $10.00; Wells' Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $30.00; Willard, $2.50; Teachey, $2.00; Brooklyn Sunday School, $5.00.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear brethren, at the beginning of the past associational year, the means at our disposal did not enable us to secure the services of a missionary for the whole of his time.

During the year we have had in our employ for a part of their time brethren C. S. Cashwell, J. P. Faison and W. M. Kennedy. Rev. C. S. Cashwell has preached regularly once a month since March at Rose Hill, and reports three baptisms. Rev. J. P. Faison has given one-fourth of his time since May to the church at Salem, at which place he, with the assistance of Rev. E. S. Alderman, held a series of meetings in which the church was much revived and a Sabbath school organized. He has also spent some time at Catharine Lake and other places lower down in Onslow. We also made a small appropriation to the churches at Hallsville and Chinquepin, which enabled them to secure the services of Rev. W. M. Kennedy, which resulted in twelve baptisms and several others awating baptism at Chinquepin.

Dear brethren, our destitution is indeed great and the cries which come up are numerous and urgent and as we of your committee have no strength of our own with which to help them, we are entirely dependent upon the strength which we receive from the churches. Brethren will you help them ?

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Lane, Chm'n, *pro tem.*

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.

On motion, report was re-committed. Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, October 8th, 1885.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder C. S. Farriss.

Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren: Bro. I. T. Newton reported himself as messenger from Cedar Creek Association.

9½ o'clock a. m., special order. Report of Committee on State Missions was read.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Bro. J. E Ray.

Collection taken up for State Missions amounting to $18.00

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The object of the State Mission Board is to send the gospel into every portion of North Carolina which is destitute of Baptist preaching. For more than

fifty years this work has been prosecuted, and men have been sent into nearly every county in the State, carrying the glad news of salvation. God has wonderfully blessed the efforts put forth, and the Holy Spirit has accompanied the word, and the seeds sown produced bountiful harvests.

Within the past three years thirty-nine new churches have been organized, twenty-eight meeting-houses erected, and more than *three thousand souls* have professed faith, as the direct results of the labors of our missionaries alone.

The demands upon the State Board of Missions are continually increasing, and newer and wider and more inviting fields keep opening up to our Baptist people, until this year the Board has commissioned *seventy* men and sent them out to break the bread of life to the perishing souls who are so eagerly asking for it.

But "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed." There are six counties in the State in which there are only four Baptist churches, and six counties in which there is not one Baptist preacher. The Board of Missions is doing all it can to supply this destitution and is now crying to the churches for means to pay the men already sent out.

Brethren, let our motto be: "North Carolina for Jesus Christ," and not rest satisfied until there is a Baptist church in every town and neighborhood in the State. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
J. D. ROBERTS,
R. R. BELL,
Committee.

Bro. J. T. Bland introduced the following:

Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise as much money for State Missions during the next Associational year as we have during the past year.

Adopted.

Committee of Arrangements announced that Elder C. S. Cashwell would preach immediately at the Methodist church.

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay the monies in their hands to the treasurer.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee for next Associational year, reported the following: G. A. Herring, J. W. Lane, L. R. Highsmith, D. J. Middleton, F. A. Fennell, L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland.

Report adopted.

10½ o'clock, special order, committee on Education reported.

Pending motion to adopt, the subject of education was discussed by brethren R. T. Vann and J. B. Brewer.

Roll of churches called and following pledges made to Education:

Barlow Chapel, $1.00; Bethel, $5.00; Bethlehem, $2.50; Boykin's Chapel, $5.00; Bear Branch, $1.00; Burgaw, $2.50; Caintuck Chapel, $2.50; Concord, $6.00; Clinton, $10.00; Island Creek, $3.00; Johnson's, $5.00; Kenansville, $5.00; Lisbon, $10.00; Long Creek, $2.50; Moore's Creek, $2.00; Mount Gilead, $10.00; Mt. Holly, $2.50; Mt. Olive, $10.00; New Hope, $10.00; Piny Grove, $5.00; Poplar Grove, $1.00; Riley's Creek, $5.00; Warsaw, $10.00; Wells' Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $75.00; Willard, $5.00.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The people of the State are to be congratulated on the increased interest generally manifested in the cause of education. The public school system of the State is gradually improving, while the private and denominational schools and colleges are rejoicing in a largely increased patronage. Wake Forest College opened the current session with a larger number of students than ever before in its history, and encouraging reports reach us of the attendance at the female seminaries at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby, while our

own school at Warsaw, thanks to the energy and enterprise of the brethren Kennedy, Phœnix-like, has risen from the ashes and opened with good prospects of success.

There are thirty-one young men studying for the ministry at Wake Forest, twenty-eight of whom are aided by the Board of Education, and many more would be there, were the means at command to help them prepare for the work of the ministry.

Your committee would earnestly recommend the churches to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field, and to encourage in every legitimate way those among us who may feel called of God to preach the Gospel,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
R. T. VANN,
J. B. BREWER,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Warsaw High School Property was submitted. Pending motion to adopt, the subject was discussed by brethren L. R. Carroll, D. S. Kennedy, and Elders W. M. Kennedy, R. C. Sanderling, T. H. Pritchard and R. T. Bryan.

REPORT.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of the Warsaw High School property, respectfully recommend the building of another house for school purposes on the old site at as early a day as practicable. To this end we further recommend the appointment of one brother from each church whose duty it shall be to bring the matter before his church, urge its importance, secure all the money and pledges possible and report the same to the Trustees by the first day of January, 1886, and when a sufficient amount shall have been secured, the Trustees are hereby instructed to proceed at once to the erection of such a building as the means at their command will allow, and in their judgment they think best.

L. R. CARROLL,
T. H. PRITCHARD,
G. A. HERRING,
J. T. BLAND,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

On motion, the number of Trustees of Warsaw High School was reduced from twenty-eight to seven, consisting of the following brethren: O. P. Middleton, A. M. Faison, I. Brown, J. L. Stewart, T. H. Pritchard, C. H. Smith and L. R. Carroll.

Committee on Requests reported the following: "We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the church at Clinton." Adopted.

Report of Committee on Periodicals was read and made the special order for 3 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called Association to order. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was read. Remarks by brethren D. S. Kennedy and J. E. Ray.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools has made a careful examination of the reports from the churches and find much that is encouraging. 43 churches have reported, and of this number 36 have Sunday schools, and some have mission schools; thus enabling us to report 43 schools, with 286 officers and teachers, and 2,465 pupils.

A large majority of the schools meet throughout the year. Some of our

churches have not reported schools, yet we know that many of them are laboring in union schools; we would urge upon them the importance of making their schools Baptist schools as soon as practicable.

From the statistics we are forced to the conclusion that but few of our church members are laboring in the Sunday schools; this is not as it should be, and we trust that, so far as they can, the pastors will see that all their members become active laborers in this great work.

We deem it advisable that the Association appoint a Sunday School Board to labor in the interest of this work within our bounds, and hope that you will consider this matter. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. KENNEDY,
E. HEWLETT,
I CARROLL,
Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

It is a source of sorrow to us that during the past year so many of our aged and useful brethren have been called from the labors of earth to the rest of heaven.

Deacons Hardy Herring, of the Lisbon church, aged 85. J. D. Carroll, of the Magnolia church, 76; and Joseph Boon, of Corinth church, about 63, will no more appear in our earthly assemblies.

Bro. J. D. Carroll was baptized into the fellowship of Beaver Dam church in August, 1830, died March 23d, 1885. Was one of the first subscribers to the Baptist organ of the State and kept up his subscription regularly till his death.

Brethren L. Hocut, 65 years of age, of Burgaw church; W. R. Bell, 56, of Warsaw church, and W. A. Bordeaux, of Long Creek church, have also passed away.

Your Committee also deem it proper to make special mention of the death of Miss Minnie A. Kennedy, since no christian life was more beautiful, and no death more lamented than hers.

God be thanked for the blessed memories of these departed saints! May we emulate their example and live to God's glory, as the time is short.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. B. BARLOW,
O. BLACKBURN,
Committee

Bro. L. R. Carroll called attention of the Association to the fact that Bro. Claude Peterson, a young man in this Association, feels called to preach and desires to go to school but has not the means with which to defray his expenses.

On motion, brethren L. R. Carroll, J. L. Boykin and R. C. Sandling are appointed a committee to investigate and report some proposition or plan for the action of the Association in regard to Bro. Peterson.

Special order, 3 o'clock p. m. Pending motion to adopt report on Periodicals, remarks were made by Elders C. S. Farriss and T. H. Pritchard.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to make the following report:

WHEREAS, The efficiency of the church depends largely upon the intelligence of its members, and as religious newspapers give just the information we need: therefore,

Resolved, That each delegate be requested to consider himself a committeeman to try to introduce some good religious paper in every family.

Resolved, That the Bible first of all books be read, and then the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Resolved, That we recommend Baptist literature in all our Sabbath Schools.

R. C. SANDLING,
B. S. PETERSON,
A. E. COLWELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee appointed to investigate matters in regard to Bro. Claude Peterson, reported that arrangements will be made by which he can go to school without the aid of the Association.

Bro. F. A. Fennell introducced the following, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the citizens of Mt. Olive and surrounding country for their kind and liberal hospitality, to the Wilmington & Weldon Rail Road for reduced fare extended to members and visitors attending this body, and also to the officers and members of the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations of Mt. Olive for the use of their houses of worship during this session of our body.

On motion, the sum of $15.00 was allowed the clerk for his services, and he is instructed to have 1,000 copies of minutes printed for distribution, and one church letter for each church, and that the surplus minute fund be paid to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

On motion, Elders R. C. Sandling, H. M. Croom and Bro. I. Carroll were appointed to nominate preachers for next session.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the moneys in his hands to the proper persons entitled to receive them and take proper receipts for the same.

Committee to nominate Preachers for next session reported as follows: To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. B. Barlow; alternate, Elder G. S. Best. Missionary Sermon, Elder R. C. Sandling; alternate, Elder J. P. Faison.

Treasurer of Eastern Association reported as follows:

A. M. FAISON, *Treasurer*,
In Account with the Eastern Association:

DR.		
Amount received by Treasurer		$812 82
CR.		
Paid to Associational Fund	$364 43	
" " Morehead church	7 00	
" " J. L. Britt, services as Clerk	15 00	
" " Minute Fund	49 59	
" " State Missions	125 00	
" " Foreign Missions	100 00	
" " Ministerial Education	155 00	
Total	$816 02	
	812 82	
Overpaid by Treasurer		$3 20

Examined and found correct.

J. C. HOBBS,
B. S. PETERSON,
J. W. POWELL,
Auditing Committee.

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., October 8 1885.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer of Executive Committee,*
In Account with Eastern Association:

DR.

To cash on hand at last Association	$ 91	
Collection at Union Meeting at Berea	5 32	
Cash from Mrs. Caroline Malpass	50	
Cash from Riley's Creek	2 50	
Amount received from Treas. of Asso. at present session	195 66	
Total		$204 89

CR.

By amount paid Bro. J. P. Faison	$ 39 00	
" " " Bro. C. S. Cashwell	25 00	
" " " Bro. W. M. Kennedy	10 00	
Total		$ 65 00
Balance on hand		$139 89

Examined and found correct.

J. C. HOBBS,
B. S. PETERSON,
J. W. POWELL,
Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Temperance failed to report, but after the Association adjourned the report was handed the Clerk and is inserted, not as a part of the proceedings, but as a paper from the committee appointed on the subject of temperance:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

To the most casual observer the abuse of intoxicating liquors is a crying and and unmitigated evil; this every day's experience verifies. Besides, profane and sacred history record the most detestible crimes of fallen humanity as the fruits of drunkenness.

Now as to the remedy against this evil: We appeal to the patriotic conscience of our legislators to abolish all bar-rooms; to apply the most rigid chemical test as to all liquors put on sale, in regard to purity; allow its sale as other goods, but never in any case or place allow its public use; punish all drunkards by committing them either to the lunatic asylum or penitentiary, as the courts may determine.

J. P. FAISON,
J. F. OLIVER,
B. S. MONTFORD,
Committee.

On motion, any brother attending the Baptist State Convention from among us was authorized to represent us.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received		$730 06
Appropriated as follows:		
For Ministerial Education	$ 75 46	
For State Missions	27 53	
For Foreign Missions	188 34	
For Associational Missions	198 16	
For Minute Fund	50 24	
For Ladies' Missionary Society for State Missions	40 04	
For Ladies' Missionary Society for Foreign Missions	43 32	
For Sunday Schools	1 00	
Public collection	58 12	
For Baptist Orphanage	40 80	
Total		$723 01
Leaving a balance of		$ 7 05

B. MATTHEWS,
J. C. HINES,
E. D. WELLS,
Finance Committee.

Examined and found correct.

J. C. HOBBS,
J. W. POWELL,
B. S. PETERSON,
Auditing Committee.

There being no further business, the brethren sing "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye," while they extend to each other the parting hand.

Special prayer was offered, led by Dr. Pritchard, for the restoration to health of Elder J. L. Stewart, the former able Moderator of this body.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Clinton Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1886. Benediction by the Moderator.

W. M. KENNEDY,
MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT, *Clerk.*

FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE OF MEETING—Clinton, Sampson county, North Carolina.
TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1886.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder J. B. Barlow; Alternate, G. S. Best.
MISSIONARY SERMON—R. C. Sandling; Alternate, J. P. Faison.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	From Ladies Missionary Societies.	Total for all Objects.
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$	$	$
Barlow Chapel												
Bethel	125 00	30 00	5 00		14 72					1 50		176 22
Beulah			4 00		5 00	2 00			1 28	1 05		12 05
Boykin's Chapel	75 00		5 00		5 60					1 50		87 10
Berea						1 30				60		1 90
Bear Marsh	107 00	11 00	5 00	2 00	6 00	2 00				1 50		134 50
Bethlehem	72 00		1 00	1 83	5 35	2 00				1 25		83 43
Bear Branch	39 00	10 00		1 15	50					60		51 25
Burgaw	25 60	1 40			3 50	3 50				62		34 62
Clinton	125 00	419 61	10 00		10 00	10 00				1 50		576 11
Concord	125 00		4 00		2 50	2 00				1 00	19 00	153 50
Corinth			2 00		5 00	5 00						12 00
Colvin's Creek										40		2 95
Caintuck Chapel	75 00	50 00		5 00	5 00		1 00			1 00		137 00
Capernaum	20 00											
Caswell	75 00	639 05	96	2 55	2 55					1 25		721 36
Dobson's Chapel	75 00	160 00			10 50					1 35		246 85
Emma's Chapel										1 20		1 20
Hallsville					5 21	5 00				46		10 67
Haw Bluff	72 00				1 00	5 00				35		78 35
Island Creek	100 00	45 00	5 00	5 00	5 00					2 35		162 35
Johnson's	100 00				11 50	11 50				55		123 55
Kenansville			5 00		15 35	6 40				1 30		28 05
Long Creek	75 00	15 00	2 00		2 40	3 00				1 50	8 00	98 95

Lisbon						10 00			75			10 75
Maple Hill	60 00		2 00		3 00							65 00
Mary's Chapel					1 00	10 00			1 10			12 10
Masonboro	100 00	40 00	3 00	5 00	4 00	3 00			2 00			157 00
Moore's Creek	75 00				7 25	7 75			1 38	7 25		98 63
Mt. Gilead	125 00		10 00	5 00	5 00				1 50			146 50
Mt. Olive	150 00	75 00	10 00			10 00						245 00
Mt. Holly	75 00	2 00			1 00	4 50			1 83			85 58
Magnolia	100 00	12 00							2 00			114 00
New Hope	125 00		5 00	10 00	38 12	10 00		4 00	1 50			193 00
Olive Branch	40 00	5 00							1 00			73 75
Piny Grove	100 00	100 00				14 00			1 55			215 55
Poplar Grove	75 00				4 50				75			80 25
Rose Hill	50 00				5 00				50			55 50
Riley's Creek	125 00				5 00	10 00			1 50			141 50
Salem	5 25	50				5 25	5 27		50			16 77
Shiloh	84 00		2 00		6 76	5 76			1 50			100 02
Teachey					2 35	1 35			55			4 25
Warsaw	120 00	1 00			13 00	15 00		15 00	2 00	50 00		216 00
Well's Chapel	175 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	15 00			60 00	1 50			286 75
Wilmington	2,500 00	781 72	25 00	50 00	80 00	30 00		70 00	4 00			4,159 72
Willard	125 00	10 00	5 00		7 50	2 50			75			150 75
Total	$ 5,494 85	$2423 00	$ 120 96	$ 97 53	$ 314 16	$ 197 81	$ 6 27	$ 150 28	$50 99	$84 25	$	8,940 10

Collection of Union Meeting at Lisbon, given to brethren D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan, $29.70.
Whole amount paid during the year to State Missions, $253.52.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Barlow Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	6	3	.....	.....	3	1	1	46	73	.....	119	4th Sunday.
Beulah	3	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	45	63	.....	108	1st Sunday.
Boykins Chapel	10	1	.....	.....	3	2	3	54	89	.....	143	2nd Sunday.
Berea	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	2	21	37	.....	58	2nd Sunday.
Bear Marsh	16	1	.....	.....	11	24	1	39	131	.....	170	3rd Sunday.
Bethlehem	.....	2	.....	.....	9	.....	2	37	66	.....	103	2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	17	.....	33	4th Sunday.
Burgaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	4	15	.....	19	1st Sunday.
Clinton	.....	3	.....	.....	5	1	1	25	53	.....	78	3rd Sunday.
Concord	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	40	76	.....	116	1st Sunday.
Corinth	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	3	54	80	.....	134	1st Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	1	2	.....	.....	3	.....	1	26	26	.....	52	1st Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel	8	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	30	41	.....	71	4th Sunday.
Capernaum	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	24	.....	32	4th Sunday.
Caswell	5	32	.....	.....	1	1	.....	20	30	.....	50	4th Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	27	41	.....	68	2nd Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	21	33	.....	54	1st Sunday.
Hallsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	35	78	.....	113	.....
Haw Bluff	.....	4	.....	1	6	1	2	36	66	.....	102	3rd Sunday.
Island Creek	.....	11	.....	.....	23	7	4	60	111	.....	171	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	.....	1	.....	1	3	2	3	38	75	.....	113	1st Sunday.
Kenansville	18	10	.....	2	1	.....	.....	20	45	.....	65	2nd Sunday.
Long Creek	11	6	.....	1	5	3	3	55	75	.....	130	1st Sunday.
Lisbon	7	1	.....	1	9	.....	2	49	56	.....	105	.....
Maple Hill	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	21	22	.....	43	4th Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	4	3	.....	2	2	.....	1	35	46	.....	81	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	24	4	.....	.....	.....	2	3	79	98	.....	177	2nd Sunday.
Moore's Creek	.....	1	.....	1	26	1	2	31	57	.....	88	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	.....	5	.....	1	2	.....	1	57	84	.....	141	4th Sunday.
Mt. Olive	7	6	.....	2	3	4	1	34	68	.....	102	4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly	14	.....	.....	4	10	3	1	52	95	2	149	2nd Sunday.
Magnolia	1	6	.....	.....	9	2	2	87	161	.....	248	.....
New Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	1	2	51	107	.....	158	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch	25	1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	29	50	.....	79	3rd Sunday.
Piny Grove	29	2	.....	.....	4	.....	2	80	125	12	217	4th Sunday.
Poplar Grove	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	42	.....	79	3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill	5	1	.....	3	1	.....	1	10	14	.....	24	1st Sunday.
Riley's Creek	1	2	.....	.....	.....	3	2	52	96	.....	148	3rd Sunday.
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	7	19	.....	26	1st Sunday.
Shiloh	23	9	.....	2	8	.....	3	70	140	.....	210	3rd Sunday.
Teachey	2	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	18	.....	29	3rd Sunday.
Warsaw	.....	9	.....	1	9	.....	5	94	148	.....	242	2nd Sunday.
Well's Chapel	22	4	.....	2	3	1	3	90	116	.....	212	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington	29	41	.....	5	8	3	7	129	281	.....	410	2 times Sunday.
Willard	13	15	.....	.....	.....	1	1	28	36	.....	64	2nd Sunday.
Total	319	224	.....	30	202	71	72	2063	3224	14	5292	

Pastors, Clerks, and their Post-Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Barlow's Chapel		
Bethel	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	F. J. Faison Warsaw.
Boykin's Chapel	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	T. J. Blackburn, Clinton.
Berea	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Marsh	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	John King, Mt. Olive.
Bethlehem	J. B. Downing, White Oak,	W. C. Keith, Point Caswell.
Bear Branch	Jno. W. Smith, Byrdville	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt Caswell
Burgaw		A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	J. T. Kennedy, Magnolia.
Corinth	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Colvin's Creek	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Str	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell.
Caintuck Chapel	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Capernaum	D. F. Aman, Sneed's Ferry,	Geo. Riggs, Palalto.
Caswell	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.
Dobson's Chapel	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	H.C. Stringfield, Kenansville
Emma's Chapel	E. A. Best, Richlands	H. Marshburn, Richlands.
Hallsville		J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff	J. B. Downing, White Oak	L. C. Boswell, Colly.
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Johnson's	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek.
Lisbon	Wm. Brunt, White Oak	R. Herring, Clear Run.
Maple Hill	H. M. Croom, Teachey's	A. E. Burton, Maple Hill.
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	F. M. Southerland, Kenansv.
Masonboro	G. S. Best, Kenansville	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	H. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Mount Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
Mount Olive	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	W. T. Gresham, Mt. Olive.
Mount Holly	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	I. Carroll, So. Washington.
Magnolia	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	G. M. Swinson, Magnolia.
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Warsaw.
Olive Branch	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	E. H. Garris, Wilmington.
Piney Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Poplar Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison's.
Rose Hill	C. . Cashwell, Polloksville,	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point.
Salem	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	J. L. Congleton,
Shiloh	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's C'k.
Teachey		M. W. Teachey, Teachey's.
Warsaw		S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.
Wells' Chapel	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Str
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	F. A. Fennell, Willard's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. months in year School kept open.	No. or copies of Biblical Recorder taken.
Barlow Chapel							
Bethel	M. H. Oats	5	41		25	6	
Beulah	G. W. Marsh	6	16		10	12	2
Boykin's Chapel	J. C. Howard						3
Berea							
Bear Marsh	W. G. Stroud	5	40				6
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	6	52	100	27	10	2
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, sr.	6	40		20	12	
Burgaw							
Clinton	W. B. Stewart	13	55		50	12	
Concord	W. A. Moore	5	25		20	12	
Colvin's Creek	W. J. Harrell	7	40	75	25	12	
Corinth	D. W. Fussell	5	60		60	12	4
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett	10	60	175	60	12	7
Capernaum	B. M. Riggs	4	30		20		
Caswell	H. M. Driver	8	59		25	12	2
Dobson's Chapel							22
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee	12	80			12	2
Hallsville							
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	4	40		30	8	
Island Creek	C. Harrell	5	41		30	9	
Johnson's	L. Middleton	5	52		35	9	8
Kenansville	P. H. Kornegay						3
Long Creek	A. B. Croom	3	63	30	30		2
Lisbon	D. L. Herring	4	40				
Maple Hill							
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland	5	38		25	12	
Masonboro	E. Hewlett	5	55		43	12	4
Moore's Creek							3
Mt. Gilead	B. Matthis	8			60	12	2
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver	11	109		90	12	10
Mt. Holly	O. W. Carter	5	25		20	9	3
Magnolia							
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	5	60			12	10
Olive Branch	J. T. Edens	6	50		40	12	1
Piny Grove	W. I. Lane	9	140		90	12	6
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell	8	70	100	45	12	2
Rose Hill	J. H. Tyels	6	50		50	12	
Riley's Creek	J. T. Larkins	8	25		15	12	6
Salem	L. R. Cannady	5	47	72	12	12	1
Shiloh	J. P. Stringfield	5	99	100	60	12	4
Teachey	J. C. McMillan	7	40		30		2
Warsaw	I. Brown	6	70		45	12	8
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	12	150		100	12	20
Wilmington	J. S. Mitchell	45	405	600	325	12	60
Willard	B. F. Fennell	3	30		25	12	3
Total		261	2,307	1,047	1,555		208

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absense without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church elected by the church in conference assembled.

ARTICLE 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ARTICLE 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ARTICLE 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ARTICLE 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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CLERK:

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A. M. FAISON.....Warsaw, N. C.

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G. M. TOLSON, Wilmington.

PROCEEDINGS.

CLINTON, SAMPSON CO., N. C., Oct. 5th, 1876.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Forty-Second Annual Session in the Clinton Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Harrell, from Rev. 2, 4.

Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at the appointed hour by the Moderator, Elder W. M. Kennedy. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Pritchard.

List of churches called and 40 of the 46 churches composing this Association were found to be represented.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and F. A. Fennell were appointed Reading Clerks.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of B. Matthews, W. J. Hollingsworth and D. J. Corbett.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethel.—W. J. Fryar, M. H. Oates, Jas. B. Williams.

Beulah.—G. W. Marsh, J. L. Britt, J. T. Moore.

Boykin's Chapel.—G. L. Boykin, T. W. Boykin, L. M. Boykin.

Bear Marsh,—R. J. Walker, R. D. Bennett.

Bear Branch.—W. R. Brinson, Jr.

Burgaw,—J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt.

Clinton.—W. M. Draughon, M. M. Killett, J. L. Stewart.

Concord.—Alfred Hall, D. D. Wells.

Corinth.—W. D. Wilkins, J. C. Williams.

Colvin's Creek.—M. C. Harrell, J. D. Lewis.

Caintuck Chapel.—D. J. Corbett.

Caswell.—Luther Glisson.

Dobson's Chapel,—J. R. Dobson, W. B. Hawes.

Emma's Chapel.—J. T. Jarman, T. F. Barbee, W. S. Cox.

Faison.—J. W. Lane, J. C. Hines, Alonzo Rich.

Hallsville.—I. J. Sandlin, C. F. Southerland.

Island Creek.—B. F. Bland, P. D. Cook.

Johnson's.—D. S. Kennedy, C. M Middleton, J. A. Powell.

Kenansville.—D. J. Middleton.

Long Creek.—W. D. Bordeaux, G. A. Herring.

Lisbon.—W. S. Johnson, R. Herring, A. R. Herring.

Mary's Chapel.—T. H. Rogers, F. M. Southerland, G. Best.

Masonboro.—J. A. Hewlett, J. P. Walton.

Moore's Creek.—John Moore, W. J. Hollingsworth.
Mt. Gilead.—L. A. Powell, J. J. Vann.
Mt. Olive.—J. B. Harrell, W. B. Hood.
Mt. Holly.—L. D. Hodges.
Magnolia.—Alfred Hollingsworth, Dan. Robinson.
New Hope.—L. R. Carroll, J. T. Kennedy, J. F. Williams.
Piney Grove.—Nathan Weeks, W. I. Lane, B. C. Weeks.
Poplar Grove.—W. B. Harris, Julius Blackman, W. D. Stevens.
Riley's Creek.—J. W. Ellers.
Shiloh.—D. J. Eakins.
Teachey.—C. A. Rochelle.
Warsaw.—W. M. Kennedy, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton.
Wells' Chapel.—L. R. Highsmith, A. E. Colwell, N. F. Highsmith.
Wilmington.—T. H. Pritchard, W. A. Jenkins.
Willard.—F. A. Fennell, I. A. Newton.

Berea, Bethlehem, Rose Hill and Salem were represented by letter.

Letter from Masonboro was laid on the table.

On motion, Elder J. P. Faison was allowed to make an explanation in regard to suggestions made by this body, at last session, to Magnolia church. He said they had carried them out in spirit.

Letters from Teachy, Point Caswell and Wells' Chapel were laid on the table.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard made statements in regard to the work of Brooklyn branch of Wilmington Church.

Chairman of Committee of Arrangements announced that Elder C. A. Jenkins would preach in the Methodist church at 3.30 o'clock.

Association proceeded with the next order of business, which was the election of officers for ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator—John Moore, J. W. Lane. For Clerk—W. J. Fryar and W. M. Draughon. For Treasurer—D. J. Middleton and D. S. Kennedy.

Result—Elder J. L. Stewart, elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for. A letter frem Faison was presented asking for admission into this body. A committee was appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of the church at Faison. Committee—Elders J. P. Faison, T. H. Pritchard and R. C. Sandling.

A letter from Lebanon was presented. Pending motion to receive them as a member of this body remarks were made by Elders W. A. Melvin and J. P. Faison, which revealed the fact that there was disagreement and trouble as to whether they would belong to this body or the South River Association. The matter was referred to the church at Lebanon for settlement.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Preaching to-night, at 7 o'clock, by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Association meet to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock; Missionary sermon at 11.30 o'clock, by

Elder R. C. Sandling. Association meet at 2 o'clock P. M.; preaching at the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder G. M. Tolson.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren.

Elder C. S. Farris, Associate Editor of *Biblical Recorder;* Elder W. A. Melvin, of South River Association; Elder C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford Female Seminary, and Bro. J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, announced themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Kendall and Warnick, of the Methodist Church invited to seats.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder G. M. Tolson.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, October 6th, 1886.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder L. M. Curtis.

Roll called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren invited to seats.

Bro. I. Royal and Elder D. W. Tew, of South River Association, announced themselves. Bro. Royall, in accepting the invitation, made remarks upon the history of this Association while he was a member, also of the present work of the South River Association.

On motion, usual committees were appointed, with the addition of committees on Home Missions and Baptist Orphanage.

COMMITTEES:

Foreign Missions.—Elder W. M. Kennedy, L. R. Carrol and G. A. Herring.

Education.—Elder C. A. Jenkins, D. S. Kennedy and J. T. Bland

Periodicals.—C. S. Farris, W. B. Hood and O. P. Middleton.

Sunday Schools.—Elder G. M. Tolson, S. M. Carlton and R. D. Bennett.

Temperance.—Elder L. M. Curtis, J. D. Hocut and W. R. Brinson.

Requests.—Elder T. J. Baker, A. E. Colwell and Richard Herring.

Home Missions.—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, A. R. Herring and J. J. Vann.

Obituaries.—Elders R. C. Sandling, J. P. Faison and W. I. Lane.

To Nominate Executive Committee.—J. L. Boykin, L. A. Powell and Alfred Hollingsworth.

Baptist Orphanage.—Elder J. B. Harrell, W. A. Jenkins and D. D. Wells.

Stated Missions.—J. E. Ray, I. J. Sandlin and B. F. Bland.

D. B. Nicholson, Esq., Editor Clinton *Caucasian*, was invited to a seat.

On motion, committee was appointed to nominate delegates to Baptist

State Convention, consisting of I. Brown, N. E. Highsmith and J. T. Kennedy.

Regular order suspended to hear report of committee upon orthodoxy of church at Faison. The committee reported the church orthodox in all respects.

On motion, the church was received and right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, any of our members attending any Sister Association was authorized to represent us.

Report of Executite Committee was called for. The committee stated that they were not ready to report.

Bro. D S. Kennedy offered the following resolution:

Believing that the best interest of the Denomination demand that a permanent record of the proceedings of each Association be kept on file,

Therefore be it ordered, That the Clerk of the Association be instructed to call on the Treasurer for sufficient funds to purchase a suitable book for preserving the records. and that the Clerk be instructed to transcribe the proceedings in said book.

On motion the matter was committed to a committee. Committee—D. S. Kennedy, I. Royall and the Clerk.

On motion, so much of report of Committee of Arrangements as relates to preaching of Missionary Sermon was reconsidered, and the time was changed from 11.30 o'clock A. M., to 7 o'clock P. M.

Committee on State Missions reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Pritchard and J. E. Ray.

A collection was taken, amounting in cash and pledges, to $106.54.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Among the last words spoken by Jesus Christ to his followers, we find these: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And they were directed to begin at Jerusalem. The special work which our State Board of Missions is striving so hard to prosecute, is the carrying of the gospel of the Son of God into every portion of our own State.

For fifty-six years this course has claimed the attention of the Baptists of North Carolina, and at some time the Missionaries of the Board have traversed every section of the State, and their foot-prints are found in every county in the commonwealth. And as they have gone forth with weeping, "bearing precious seed," the promise of our God has been verified, and his power manifested. These gospel seed have sprung up into an abundant harvest, and the "feeble folk" that we were a half century ago has become a great people. Instead of the 14 Associations, 272 churches and 15,360 members in all our churches, at that time, we now have 85 Associations, 2,222 churches and 225,322 members. What a great work hath the Lord done for us!

And this year the results are even larger than at any time in our history. The Board has seventy-two Missionaries in the field, and is paying *ten more men* than at any former time. And the reports which have come up from all parts of the State from the Missionaries and pastors, alike, are most wonderfully encouraging. Numbers of new churches and Sunday schools have been organized, scores of meeting houses are going up and thousands have been "buried with Christ by baptism."

And yet there are vast fields still opening up before us and crying unto the Board to "come over and help" them. The men, too, are ready to go. Our great need is the money to send them. Will not the Eastern Association come to the relief of the Board, and nobly aid in this great work?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. RAY,
I. J. SANDLIN,
B. F. BLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. F. A. Fennell offered the following:

Resolved, That we believe it would promote the cause of Missions in our Association to discontinue our efforts as a District Missionary body, and transfer the matter of Associational Missions to the State Board.

On motion the resolution was made special order with report of Executive Committee.

Committee on Periodicals reported.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders C. S. Farris, R. C. Sandling and W. B. Pope.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The healthy progress, unity and development of any denomination depends much upon a sound denominational paper, through which Baptist principles may be expounded. For fifty-two years our people have had such a paper in the *Biblical Recorder*. The oldest and most widely circulated paper in the State. The *Recorder* is an instrumentality in the hands of God for the accomplishment of much good. It is sound, conservative, though aggressive; a strict adherent to the old theology, and a fearless defender of truth.

Your committee is convinced that the interests of our churches would be materially advanced were the *Recorder* more widely circulated among them. We therefore recommend to the churches the advantage of appointing a special committee in each church to assist the pastors in securing subscriptions. This would not only insure the *Recorder* a larger list of subscribers, but be a means of greater usefulness to many brethren and sisters who wish to be active for the Master.

Your committee also especially commends the Foreign Mission Journal and the *Kind Words*, Sunday School lesson helps.

C. S. FARRIS,
W. B. HOOD,
O. P. MIDDLETON.
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Letter from Mary's Chapel was presented and delegates enrolled.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See first page.)

Auditing Committee was appointed. Committee—J. W. Lane, A. R. Herring and L. R. Highsmith.

Elder J. P. Faison, M. H. Oates, and L. M. Boykin were appointed a committee to nominate preachers for next session.

Report on Home Missions was read by Dr. Pritchard, also letter from Elder A. G. McManaway, Vice-President of Home Mission Board for this State. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Pritchard.

List of churches was called and pledges made to Home Missions, designating some brother or sister in each church to collect the amount as follows: Bethel, M. H. Oates; Beulah, Mrs. Annie J. Oates; Boykin's Chapel, F. A. Robinson; Bear Marsh, W. G. Stroud, Bear Branch, J. M. Malpass; Bugaw, J. D. Hocut, $2.50; Clinton, W. B. Stewart; Concord, Mrs. D. D. Wells; Corinth, W. D. Wilkins; Caintuck Chapel, T. O. Flynn; Caswell, Luke Glisson; Dobson's Chapel, J. R. Dobson, $2.00; Hallsville, E. W. Farrion, $2.50; Island Creek, C. Harrell; Johnson's, J. A. Powell, $3.00; Kenansville, H. Grimes; Long Creek, Miss Mollie Herring; Lisbon, A. M. Herring; Mary's Chapel, T. H. Rogers; Masonboro, J. P. Walton; Moore's Creek, John Moore, $3.00; Mt. Gilead, T. J. H. Peterson, $5.00; Mt. Olive, J. H. Loften, $3.00; Mt. Holly, J. F. McInnis; Magnolia, G. W. Carroll, $1.00; New Hope, J. T. Kennedy, $5.00; Pine Grove, W. I. Lane; Poplar Grove, W. B. Harris, $1.00; Riley's Creek, W. W. Larkins, $3.00; Shiloh, D. J. Eakins; Teachy, T. H. Carter, $2.00; Warsaw, S. M. Carlton, $5.00; Wells' Chapel, Sisters R. E. Lewis and E. F. Newkirk, $5.00; Wilmington, T. H. Pritchard, $25.00; Willard, F. A. Fennell, $2.50.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Forty years ago this Board began operations with six Missionaries. It proposes to preach the gospel in destitute places in the South, and to the Indians, to furnish instruction to the colored ministry, to aid in building houses of worship where they are needed, and to supply periodicals for the better instruction of our Sunday Schools. During the past year the Board has had in the field 255 Missionaries, of whom 14 have labored in western North Carolina; 9,599 weeks of labor have been performed, and 3,812 baptisms are reported; 45 churches have been built on mission fields; aid has been extended to feeble churches to the amount of $10,000.00, so that this amount added to that spent on the Mission churches aggregates the sum of $25,000.00 expended on church buildings, under the direction of the Board. The Board has received $45,824.89, and reports $48,696.14 expended by bodies directly co-operating with it. Making a total of $94,521.03.

Your committee is glad to report that the Board is continually enlarging its operations, and receiving more and more the confidence and support of churches. In four years the number of Missionaries has increased three-fold, the weeks of labor five-fold, and the baptisms fifteen-fold. The results have increased much more largely than the contributions, which are only about twice what they were four years ago.

At the last session of the Convention an advance was made in the work of the Board in several directions. It was determined, if possible, to do a larger and more efficient work in evangelizing the colored people and the churches were asked for $10,000.00 for this specific work. A new and most interesting mission providentially developed in Cuba was placed under the care of the Board, and it was resolved to remove the Sunday School paper, *Kind Words*, to Atlanta, where the Board is located, and to add the publication of periodicals, such as have proved so prosperous and efficient under the management of the Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia.

To accomplish this greatly enlarged work the Board will require enlarged contributions, and in their estimate of the amount required they ask North Carolina to give this Board $5,000 00 this year.

This Board is heartily endorsed by our State Convention. It has helped us greatly in times of sore need, and is helping our dear old State now, and hence has special and urgent claims upon our support.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
A. R. HERRING,
J. J. VANN,
} *Committee.*

Brethren D. J. Corbett and D. J. Elkins were given final leave of absence.

Report of Committe on Education was read. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by Elders J. C. Jenkins and T. H. Pritchard. List of churches called and following pledges made to education: Bethel, $5.00; Beulah. $2.50; Boykin's Chapel, $2.50; Bear Marsh, $2.50; Bethlehem, $2,00; Burgaw, $2.50; Clinton, $5.00; Concord. $10.00; Corinth, $2.00; Caswell, $1.00; Dobson's Chapel, $2.00; Emma's Chapel, $2.50; Hallsville, $1.00; Island Creek, $2.50; Johson's $5.00; Kenansville, $5.00 Long Creek, $2.00; Lisbon, $10.00; Mary's Chapel, $2.00; Masonboro, $2,50; Moore's Creek, $2.50; Mt. Gilead, $10.00, Mt. Olive $10.00; New Hope, $5.00: Piney Grove, $3.00; Poplar Grove, $1.00; Riley's Creek, $5.00; Teachey, $5.00; Warsaw, $10.00. Wells' Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $50.00; Willard, $5.00.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report a constantly increasing interest in general education, and to note with unfeigned gratitude the unprecedented success of Wake Forest College. This child of our toil, our hopes. our love, our prayers, has assumed dignity, attained a growth and formed a denominational factor, for which we thank Almighty God. Wake Forest opened the current year with 180 students, the largest number ever known in its history, at the opening of its session. There are about 40 young men studying for the ministry, about 30 of whom are receiving aid from the Board of Education. The Education Board needs all the funds its friends can raise; and we suggest that increased efforts be made to enlarge contributions to the Board. We take pleasure in stating that our female colleges at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby, are doing good work, and afford ample facilities for the education of our young women.

We desire to draw special attention to our own school at Warsaw, under the management of Rev. W. M. Kennedy and son, who are prepared to meet the demands of the patrons, and who should receive the support of this Association, whose property this school is.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. JENKINS,
D. S. KENNEDY,
JNO. T. BLAND,
} *Committee.*

Adopted.

Brethren C. A. Rochelle. W. R. Brinson, and Elder L. M. Curtis were given final leave of absence.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of preservation of records, offered the following which was adopted:

Your committee, appointed to consider the advisability and manner of keeping a file of the proceedings of the Association, would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to collect a complete list, or as nearly so as possible, of the Minutes of the Association since the organization, and report the progress of his work to the next session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. KENNEDY.
I. ROYALL.
J. L. BRITT, } *Committee.*

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Association meet for devotion at 9 o'clock; business session begins at 9.30 o'clock; adjourn at 1 o'clock; meet at 2 o'clock P. M., and adjourn at will; preaching at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock by Elder T. J. Baker; preaching at the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder C. A. Jenkins.

Committee to nominate preachers for the next session reported as follows:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. S. Stewart; alternate, Elder L. M. Curtis; Missionary Sermon, Elder W. B. Pope; alternate Elder J. B. Harrell.

On motion, report of Executive Committee was made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Committee on Baptist Orphanage reported. Pending motion to adopt the Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

At 7 o'clock the Missionary sermon was preached by Elder R. C. Sandling. Amount collected, $19.89.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, October 7th, 1886.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder T. J. Faison.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

Letter from Mary's Chapel was referred to committee on Requests.

10 o'clock, special order. Report of Executive Committee upon the recommendation to transfer the missionary work of the Association to the State Board. Remarks were made by Elders R. C. Sandling, W. M. Kennedy, W. B. Pope, T. H. Pritchard, and Bro. J. W. Lane.

List of churches called and following pledges made to State Missions: Bethel, $10.00; Beulah, $5 00; Boykin's Chapel, $7.50; Bear Marsh, $7.50; Burgaw, $2.50; Clinton, $10.00; Concord, $5.00; Corinth, $5.00; Caswell, $5.00; Dobson's Chapel, $3.00; Emma's Chapel, $2.50; Hallsville, $5 00; Island Creek, $7.50; Johnson's. $10.00; Kenansville, $10 00; Long Creek, $5 00; Lisbon, $10.00; Masonboro, $5.00; Moore's Creek, $5.00; Mary's Chapel, $4 00; Mt. Gilead, $5 00; Mt. Olive, $10.00; Mt. Holly, $5 00; New Hope, $20.00; Magnolia, $2.50; Piney Grove, $10 00; Poplar Grove $2.50; Riley's Creek. $5.00; Teachy, $5.00; Warsaw, $20.00; Wells' Chapel, $15.00; Wilmington, $100.00; Willard's. $5.00; Harrell's Store, Sunday Schol, $5.00; Faison, $3.00; Warsaw High School, $2.00; Wells' Chapel Sunday School, $5.00. The following pledges were made to Bro. J. E. Ray: for State Missions: J. T. Kendall, $5.00; T. H. Pritchard, $5.00; F. M. Royall, $5.00; F. A. Fennell, $5.00; I. Brown, $5.00; Bethel, $5.00; Kenansville, $5.00; Burgaw, $2.50; Mt. Olive, $5.00; Mt. Gilead, $5.00; Wells' Chapel, $5.00; Bear Marsh, $2.50; Mt. Holly, $2.50; Johnson's, $5.00; Concord, $5.00.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear brethren, during the year we have had Elder T. J. Baker in our employ, who has spent the whole of his time in the county of Onslow. He has held regular services at Barlow's Chapel, Salem, Piney Grove and Rose Hill, and occasionally at Stump Sound and Jacksonville. He has held protracted meetings at all his churches, and reports six baptisms. He has collected in his field about one-half his salary. He also assisted Elder C. S. Cashwell in protracted meetings at two of his churches.

Elder W. M. Kennedy has given one-fourth of his time at Chinquepin, and reports five baptisms and much interest, and will organize a church at that point next week.

With a little help from us Elder C. S. Chashwell has given one-fourth of his time at Emma's Chapel, and reports sixteen accessions, and a growing interest in that section.

In a small way we have also helped the churches at Teachey, Burgaw and Willard, in supporting a pastor. Elder R. C. Sandling reports fifteen accessions at Teachy, and that they have a house of worship well under way; also thirteen baptisms at Willard. Elder W. B. Pope reports four accessions at Burgaw and increased interest in that town.

The amount of the pledges for our work at our last Association did not justify us in undertaking any more than the above work, and but for the fact that we had a surplus on hand from our last year's work, and that our missionaries have received considerable aid in their fields, we would not have been able to accomplish this much.

We recommend that the entire missionary work of our Association be turned over to the State Board, provided, however, that it shall not be understood that the Executive Committee shall be abolished.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LANE, Chairman Ex. Com.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage, was again read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders T. H. Pritchard and R. C. Sandling.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We feel gratified to Almighty God for the spirit that first prompted the Baptists of North Carolina to establish a Baptist Orphan Asylum. From the first it has seemed that the Lord has smiled upon this work, and we are specially gratified with the success the work has already made.

It has not been quite two years since the Asylum was organized, but the Lord has put it into the hearts of some of his people to give liberally of their means, till about $15,000 have already been given. Three buildings have been finished, and the foundation of five others laid. Some forty-three orphans are already at the institution and they are constantly coming in. This is work that seems to meet the approbation, not only of God, but of our people where its claims are presented.

We take great pleasure, therefore, in commending it to the Christian sympathy of all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARRELL,
W. A. JENKINS,
D. D. WELLS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The following was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches, and the delegates of this Association be earne tly requested to bring the subject of the Baptist Orphanage before the churches some time during Associational year, and make an effort to raise a contribution for this object.

Letter from Haw Bluff was presented and read.

On motion, letter from Mary's Chapel was referred to Committee on Requests, with instructions that said committee report in favor of the

Association fixing by vote the place of holding next session of this body.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were make by Bro. L. R. Carroll

At the close of the address the Association engaged in singing, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

List of churches called and following pledges made to Foreign Missions: New Hope, $25.00; Beulah, $5.00; Boykin's Chapel, $2.50, Bear Marsh, $5.00; Burgaw, $2.50; Clinton, $10.00. Concord, $5.00; Corinth, $3.00; Caswell, $5 00; Dobson's Chapel, $3.00; Hallsville, $5.00; Island Creek, $10.00; Johnson's, $10.00; Kenansville, $10.00; Long Creek, $10.00; Lisbon, $2 00; Moore's Creek, $5.00; Mt. Gilead, $5 00; Mt. Olive, $10.00; Mt. Holly, $2.00; Magnolia, $2 00; Piney Grove, $2.00; Riley's Creek, $5.00; Teachey. $2.50; Warsaw, $15.00; Wells' Chapel, $15.00; Wilmington, $100.00; Willard, $5.00; Faison, $2 00; Brooklyn Branch First Baptist Church, Wilmington, $25.00; Harrell's Sunday School, $2.00; Ladies Mission Society, of Bethel, $10.00.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The spirit of missions is the spirit of our Master, the very genius of His religion."

Your committee note with unfeigned pleasure an increase of this spirit within the bounds of our Association, as well as the entire Southern Baptist Convention. This Convention which has as its object the spread of the gospel in foreign lands, was organized in the city of Augusta, Ga., on the 8th day of May 1845. It originated in a withdrawal of the Southern churches from a union with the Triennial Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, now the American Baptist Missionary Union, organized in the city of Philadelphia, May 21st, 1814.

During the thirty-one years of our union with the Triennial Convention, southern Baptists raised for Foreign Missions $212,000.00, nearly an annual average of $7,000.00.

We now have fifty-eight missionaries of our own, with about an equal number of native assistants in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, with an annual income of over $82,000.00.

We ought to be gratified and liberal because God has so honored us, that in this number of Missionaries two are from our own Association—members of our own household—Brethren Bryan and Herring. Indeed they are all a noble band of efficient, self-sacrificing men and women, and are entitled to our sympathy, our prayers and our unstinted support. The Master, in fulfillment of His promise, is abundantly blessing their labors. The fields are white for the harvest, and continually the appeal comes to us: "Come over and help us." All cannot go, but all can send. All cannot send a living representative, hence the ministry of money. This we can give to send those who can go, and sustain those already on the field.

Baptists in all countries, without any systematic arrangement are now giving over $1.000,000 annually for the spread of the gospel. Could we be aroused to the full measure of our duty, and induced to give according to the New Testament idea. "As the Lord hath prospered us," what wonders would be wrought among the natives that now sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Surely the Lord would open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there should not be room to receive it. May the Lord give us grace to understand it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
L. R. CARROLL,
G. A. HERRING. } *Committee.*

Bro. D. S. Kennedy stated that Elder R. T. Bryan, Missionary to China; wished the churches of the Association to raise a sufficient amount of money to purchase an organ for his chapel. On motion, roll of churches was called and some brother or sister in each church requested

to raise what they could to purchase the organ, as follows: Clinton, W. J. Powell; Johnson's, W. H. Middleton; Wells Chapel, J. F. Lewis; Bethel, F. P. Alderman; Beulah, G. W. Marsh; Boykin's Chapel, J. A. Blackburn; Concord, Miss Sue Wells; Corinth, J. C. Williams; Caintuck Chapel, D. J. Corbett, Caswell, Miss Maggie Hollingsworth; Dobson's Chapel, J. R. Dobson; Emma's Chapel, Miss Mellie Cox; Hallsville, Mrs. E. W. Farrier; Island Creek, B. F. Bland; Kenansville, Miss Maggie Wallace; Long Creek, Miss Mary Bordeaux; Lisbon, W. B. Lamb; Mary's Chapel, Mrs. Annie B. Southerland; Masonboro, B. S. Montford; Moore's Creek, John Moore; Mt. Gilead, G. W. Mosely; Mt. Holly, Miss Jane Carroll; Magnolia, Miss Mary Clute; New Hope, J. Williams; Piney Grove, Miss Eliza Matthews; Poplar Grove, R. R. Bell; Riley's Creek, W. B. Hocut; Teachey, Miss Minnie Privett; Warsaw, Miss Bevie Kennedy; Wilmington, Mrs. S. H. Burtt; Willard, Mrs. R. C. Sandling; Faison, Miss Sallie Williams.

Committe on Requests reports as follows:

We recommend that the location for the next session of this body be determined by vote of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

On motion Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay to Treasurer of Executive Committee $7.05 out of the collection last night, and the remainder to State Missions.

The following was passed:

Resolved, That in consideration of the valuable aid extended the cause of missions by the Woman's Missionaries Societies of the churches, the Clerk be instructed to have a place, in the form of church letters, for the mention of such societies.

Adjourned for one hour,

EVENING SESSION.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following: Your committee appointed to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention find that we are entitled to 88 delegates, and respectfully recommend the following brethren: T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Elders J. B. Barlow, J P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, J. L. Stewart, O. M. Matthews, R. C. Sandling, T. J. Baker, H. S. Spivey, W. B. Pope, L. M. Curtis, H. M. Croom, and brethren M. H. Oates, W. J. Moore, J. L. Boykin, R. J. Walker, J, T. Bland, B. S. Peterson, J. W. Powell, D. D. Wells, J. C. Williams, W. H. Murray. A. B. Cox, C. C. Williams, F. Savage, D. S. Kennedy, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Herring, O. Blackburn, D. L. Herring, F. M. Southerland, B. S. Montford, H. S. Alderman, L. A. Powell, J. F. Oliver, I. Carroll, L. R. Carroll, C. E. Daniel, J. C. Hines, W. I. Lane, R. R. Bell, W. W. Larkins, A. T. Herring, J. P. Stringfield, A. M. Faison. S. M. Carlton, A. E. Colwell, J. F. Lewis, A. Alderman, W. A. French, B. F. Mitchell, J. C. Stevenson, W. I. Gore. F. A. Fennell.

Respectfully submitted, I. BROWN, N. F. HIGHSMITH, JAS. F. KENNEDY, } *Committee.*

Committee on Temperance reported. Adopted.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report: Whereas, the most detestable crimes that have ever blackened humanity have been the legitimate outcome of the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. Therefore we would appeal to every Christian, and especially to every Baptist to use his public and private influence for the suppression of this growing evil.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. CURTIS, J. D. HOCUT, W. R. BRINSON, } *Committee.*

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

During the present year Bro. Daniel S. Matthews, aged eighty-four, has passed to his final reward. He was deacon thirty years in Lisbon

church. He was a member first at Red Hill, then Mt Gilead church. In unbroken fellowship for sixty years, he was steadfast to the faith amidst much that was calculated to try it, especially by those who held "another gospel" than that Paul preached, rearing an intelligent family, all of whom he saw happily converted.

Also Sister Sannie Marshburn, member of Mt. Gilead church, at the dawn of womanhood; beautiful in person, lovely by Christian graces, bright and promising in all that gives life a charm—sadly missed by loving friends.

Deacon W. P. Hobbs has passed to his final reward, aged seventy-three, fifty of these were devoted to the service of the Master, having joined the church at Browns in youth, serving awhile as Deacon, afterwards going to the Piney Grove church.

Death has stricken from our Zion, Deacon Thomas Bland, Sr., in the seventy-sixth year of his age; a member of Shiloh church, its principal covenant founder, his first connection being with Wells' Chapel church. His youth, manhood, and old age was one of devoted service to Christian work. He was a dilligent worker on his farm—an ample board the fruit thereof, which was hospitably spread to every comer. Covetousness was no sin of his. Kindness was his nature, binding to him in unceasing interest his children, whose elevation he exhausted every means to promote. He lived in unbroken friendship with his neighbors, and enjoyed the respect of all. With sorrow we give him up, though confident that he has been welcomed to the joys of his Lord.

Respectfully submitted, J. P. FAISON, R. C. SANDLING, W. J. LANE, *Committee.*

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported the following:

It affords us pleasure to report that the present session of this school opened under more favorable circumstances than it did one year ago. The Principals are entitled to much credit for the earnest efforts they have made to build up the school, under very trying and unfavorable circumstances. Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of rebuilding on the old site, have been seriously and probably indefinitely hindered in the undertaking because of opposition over which they seem to have no control. We respectfully ask your advice and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted, O. P. MIDDLETON,
President Board of Trustees.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Association intrust the entire matter of protecting the Warsaw High School property, against the movement in said town, to condemn our property for a street, to the trustees of said school: and fully authorize said trustees to do in the premises what in their best judgment and discretion seems proper.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received	$640.52
Appropriated as follows:	
Ministerial Education	$ 93.87
State Missions	34.88
Foreign Missions	240.07
Associational Missions	126.65
Minute Fund	49.25
Ladies Missionaries Societies for State Missions	8.34
Ladies Missionaries Societies for Foreign Missions	3.25
Ladies Baptist Orphanage	9 55
Home and Indian Missions	54.32
Public Collection	20.34
	$640.52

B. MATTHEWS, D. J. CORBETT, W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH, *Committee.*

Examined and found correct.

J. W. LANE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. R. HERRING,
Auditing Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

Your committee regrets to state that out of thirty-eight letters only twenty-six give Sunday School statistics. Last year 286 officers and teachers, and 2,465 pupils were reported, while this year the number of officers and teachers is 229, and the pupils 1,778, showing a decreaseof 744 in the sum total. We trust, however, that this is only an apparent decrease, due to the negligence of the church Clerks, rather than to a lack of interest on the part of the churches.

We are glad to add that twenty-two of the schools that have reported are evergreen, and that the other four are kept open the greater part of the year. We earnestly beseech the brethren and lovers of the Sunday School cause to go, not backward, but steadily forward, until there shall be a Sunday School connected with every church.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. TOLSON,
S. M. CARLTON,
R. D. BENNETT,
Committee.

CLINTON, N. C., Oct. 7, 1886.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer of Executive Committee, in account with Eastern Association:*

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To amount left on hand last year		$139.89
" "	Riley's Creek	6 27
" "	Bethel	1.00
" "	old residue (1884) Minute Fund	8 00
" "	Union meeting at Piney Grove	5.83
" "	Kenansville	.73
" "	Hallsville	1.25
" "	Moore's Creek	.96
" "	Union meeting at Chinquepin	2.72
" "	" " " Boykin's Chapel	4.65
" "	Present session of Association	126.65
" "	Missionary collection at Association	7.05
Total		$305.00

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By amount paid Elder T. J. Baker		$150 00
" " " "	W. M. Kennedy	50.00
" " " "	W. B. Pope	30.00
" " " "	R. C. Sandling	50.00
" " " "	C. S. Cashwell	25.00
Total		$305.00

Examined and found correct.

J. W. LANE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. R. HERRING,
Auditing Committee.

Trustees of Ministers Relief Society reported as follows:

Dear Brethren, for several years almost nothing has been done by the Society. During the year a part of the interest accruing on notes of the Society has been paid to Rev. G. W. Hufham and to the family of our deceased Bro. Guy.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. MIDDLETON,
President.

A. M. FAISON, *Treasurer*,
in account with the Eastern Association:

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To amount received from Finance Committee		$689.26

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By amount paid J. H. Mills for orphanage	$ 43.80	
" " " State Missions	100.29	
" " " Education Board	75.00	
" " " Foreign Missions	195.00	
" " " Associational Missions	195.66	
" " " Printing Minutes	35.25	
" " " Services as Clerk	15.00	
" " " Elder G. W. Hufham	2.00	
" " " Overpaid last year	3 20	
Total		$665 20
Balance on hand		$ 24.06

Examined and found correct

J. W. LANE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. R. HERRING,
Auditing Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion $10 00 of surplus money in the hands of the Treasurer was ordered to be paid for minutes, and remainder to State Missions.

Association proceeded to locate next session by vote. Wells' Chapel was chosen as the place.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the moneys in his hands to the proper persons to receive them, and the balance to State Missions.

Elder W. B. Pope offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered the good people of Clinton and vicinity for the uniform kindness and hospitality shown the messengers and ministers in attendance upon the Forty-Second Annual Session of this body, and to the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations for the use of their houses of worship. Adopted by a rising vote.

Letters from Masonboro, asking for the ordination to the full work of the ministry, of Bro. Walton was taken from the table. On motion, the whole matter was referred back to the church at Masonboro, recommending to them to call a presbytery.

On motion adjourned to meet at Wells's Chapel, Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1887.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy. Hymn was sung and the brethren extened the parting hand.

Benediction by Elder W. B. Pope.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

J. L. BRITT,
Clerk.

FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE OF MEETING.—Wells' Chapel, Sampson County, N. C.

TIME.—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1887.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Elder J. L. Stewart; Alternate, Elder L. M. Curtis.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—Elder W. B. Pope; Alternate, Elder J. B. Hocut.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.			Membership.				No. of Copies of Recorder Taken	TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females	Colored.	Total.		
Barlow Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Bethel	....	3	..	..	2	1	1	48	75	..	123	8	4th Sunday.
Beulah	1	1	..	..	....	6	1	46	57	..	103	2	1st Sunday.
Boykin Chapel	17	2	..	2	14	..	..	56	88	..	144	....	2nd Sunday.
Berea	12	3	..	3	....	2	2	29	40	..	70	....	2nd Sunday.
Bear Marsh	5	....	..	..	5	1	3	38	122	..	160	3	3rd Sunday.
Bethlehem	7	....	..	..	5	..	1	38	67	..	105	5	2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch	1	1	..	1	....	..	..	17	18	..	45	....	4th Sunday.
Burgaw	....	4	..	..	1	..	1	5	16	..	21	4	3rd Sunday.
Clinton	2	4	..	..	2	..	..	26	49	..	75	5	3rd Sunday.
Concord	1	3	..	..	4	1	1	37	70	..	107	4	1st Sunday.
Corinth	2	1	..	1	2	1	1	54	80	..	134	....	3rd Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	....	....	..	..	1	1	..	23	26	..	49	....	1st Sunday.
CaintuckChapel	24	3	..	2	2	..	1	42	55	..	97	7	4th Sunday.
*Capernium	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	8	24	..	....	....	
Caswell	....	....	..	..	1	..	1	20	33	..	53	1	4th Sunday.
Dobson'sChapel	13	1	..	1	1	..	..	32	49	..	81	2	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	15	5	..	..	4	3	..	27	41	..	68	....	1st Sunday.
Faison	....	2	..	..	....	....	....	6	9	..	15	....	
Hallsville	4	4	..	..	4	1	1	37	80	..	117	....	
Haw Bluff	19	4	..	2	2	..	2	47	76	..	123	....	3rd Sunday.
Island Creek	2	9	..	..	3	4	1	60	109	..	169	3	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	6	3	..	..	2	1	2	37	78	..	115	5	1st Sunday.
Kenansville	....	26	..	..	1	..	..	36	55	..	91	7	3rd Sunday.
Long Creek	16	1	..	4	1	..	2	66	82	..	148	1	1st Sunday.
Lisbon	2	1	..	..	3	..	1	45	58	..	103	12	1st Sunday.
*Mapel Hill	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	21	22	..	....	....	
Mary's Chapel	16	....	..	..	....	3	..	44	54	..	98	2	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	16	....	..	1	2	6	1	82	94	..	176	3	3rd Sunday.
Moore'Creek	....	6	..	2	8	..	3	32	42	..	74	2	4thSunday.
Mt. Gilead	3	5	..	..	1	..	1	61	88	..	148	2	4th Sunday.
Mt. Olive	....	2	..	..	9	1	4	32	59	..	91	9	2d&4thSunday
Mt. Holly	6	1	..	..	2	5	..	52	92	..	144	2	2nd Sunday.
Magnolia	....	....	..	..	40	..	3	50	132	..	182	....	4th Sunday.
New Hope	15	3	..	..	8	1	1	54	112	..	166	....	2nd Sunday.
*Olive Branch	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	29	50	..	....	....	
Piney Grove	....	2	..	..	18	1	1	71	103	..	174	5	4th Sunday.
Poplar Grove	....	....	..	..	....	1	1	36	42	..	78	4	3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill	....	1	..	..	3	2	..	7	13	..	20	....	2nd Sunday.
Riley's Creek	....	5	..	..	4	2	3	49	89	..	138	10	
Salem	....	....	..	2	....	2	..	5	22	..	27	....	4th Sunday.
Shiloh	22	....	..	2	2	3	5	80	145	..	225	2	
Teachey	15	....	..	..	....	....	1	15	28	..	43	2	4th Sunday.
Warsaw	5	11	..	..	6	12	6	72	151	..	223	9	2d&4thSunday
Wells' Chapel	....	7	..	1	10	4	2	100	105	..	205	12	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington	34	21	..	3	47	5	3	138	275	..	413	50	2times Sunday
Willard	13	5	..	..	1	1	2	37	42	..	79	4	4th Sunday.
Brooklyn Br'ch	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
WilmingtonCh.	24	51	..	17	2	....	..	36	56	..	92	6	2times Sunday
Total	318	191	..	34	227	71	58	1983	3273	..	5256	193	

*Taken from last years' Minutes.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education,	State Missions,	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions,	Sunday Scho'l Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	MinuteFund,	From Ladies Missionary Societies.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for all Objects.
Bethel,	125 00	2 66	5 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	....	.....	.....	1 75	10 34	.....	152 08
Beulah,	.....	.....	.....	2 50	8 50	2 00	....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	14 15
Boykin's Chapel,	75 00	.....	.....	2 50	7 50	7 50	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	93 50
Berea,	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	....	62 20
Bear Marsh,	80 00	.....	.....	3 50	3 50	.....	....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	3 25	91 75
Bethlehem,	72 00	.....	.....	.....	8 88	.....	....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	82 13
Bear Branch,	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 65	....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	42 15
Burgaw,	150 00	3 50	2 50	.....	5 00	.....	....	1 00	.....	55	.....	.....	162 55
Clinton,	125 00	40 00	.....	10 00	10 00	5 00	....	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	194 00
Concord,	125 00	.....	6 00	2 50	10 00	2 50	....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	147 50
Corinth,	100 00	.....	.....	.....	2 85	2 50	....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 85
Colvin's Creek,	42 00	3 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	45 94
Caintuck Chapel,	72 00	.....	2 50	.....	5 00	1 50	....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	82 30
Capernium,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell,	70 00	98 50	.....	.....	8 03	.....	....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 03
Dobson's Chapel,	50 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	2 31	....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	62 31
Emma's Chapel,	52 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	....	2 50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	65 75
Faison,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	....	1 25	.....	50	.....	.....	2 75
Hallsville,	75 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	....	2 50	.....	70	.....	.....	83 20
Haw Bluff,	72 00	13 86	.....	.....	4 57	.....	....	2 00	.....	50	.....	.....	92 93
Island Creek,	100 00	3 00	3 00	.....	11 00	6 75	....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 75
ohnson's	100 00	.....	7 50	.....	.....	10 00	....	3 00	.....	2 00	13 37	.....	138 87
Kenansville,	125 00	.....	5 00	.....	3 00	3 70	....	5 78	.....	2 00	14 12	6 50	152 62
Long Creek,	75 00	.....	2 50	.....	10 00	78	....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	89 78
Lisbon,	125 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	8 40	....	3 00	.....	1 30	.....	.....	149 70
Maple Hill,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	....	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	8 50

Masonboro,	75 00	115 00	5 00		4 00		2 00		2 00		2 00	205 00
Moore's Creek,	60 00			2 00	4 75		2 00		1 50			70 25
Mt. Gilead,	125 00		10 00	2 50	10 00	10 00			1 50			159 00
Mt. Olive,	225 00	30 00	10 00		15 96	5 00	3 00					288 96
Mt. Holly,	75 00				1 31	5 00	2 00		1 20			84 51
Magnolia,	10 00				1 75				1 00			12 75
New Hope,	125 00		5 00	10 00	25 50	5 00	5 00	15 00	1 50		25 00	217 00
Olive Branch,												
Piney Grove,	100 00	20 00	3 00		8 00		2 15		1 00			134 15
Poplar Grove,	75 00			1 00	4 00		1 00		75			81 75
Rose Hill,	50 00				60				25			50 85
Riley's Creek,	125 00		3 37		7 00	6 15			1 50			143 02
Salem,	17 27								30			17 57
Shiloh,					15 00	1 62	3 00		1 50			21 20
Teachey,	50 00	40 00			5 00	2 00	1 50		1 00		1 00	100 50
Warsaw,	300 00	159 00	10 00		50 00	10 00	5 00					529 00
Wall's Chapel,	175 00		10 00		20 00	10 00	4 00	15 79	2 00	7 00	14 00	257 79
Wilmington,	2500 00	746 57	10 00	115 00	70 82	30 00		159 06	4 00		125 00	3902 53
Willard,	125 00		5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50			1 00		5 55	147 55
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church,	100 00	26 85			5 50		5 50					137 85
Total,	6222 27	1302 38	114 87	162 00	379 02	151 86	71 68	189 79	49 25	44 83	182 30	8867 95

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. Months in Year School kept open.
Bethel	M. H. Oates	4	30		20	8
Beulah	N. C. Faison	5	12		12	12
Boykin's Chapel						
Berea	G. F. Dempsey			40	25	
Bear Marsh	R. J. Walker	5	30			
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith	5	40			9
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, Sr,	6	38		20	12
Burgaw						
Clinton	Jno. Ashford	13	90		48	12
Concord						
Corinth	J. D. Matthews	6	40		30	12
Colvins Creek	W. G. Harrell	5	40	90	25	12
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett	8	72	175	50	12
Capernium						
Caswell	J. G. Parker	8	44		26	13
Dobson's Chapel	W. H. Murray	4	40	20	30	
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee	9	80		60	42
Faison						
Hallsville						
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	5	40		30	8
Island Creek	C. Harrell	8	70		55	9
Johnson's						
Kenansville						
Long Creek	C. P. Moore	3	25	25	20	12
Lisbon	D. L. Herring	5	51		30	9
Maple Hill						
Mary's Chapel	A. J. Rogers	4	30		15	
Masonboro	E. Hewlett	7	45	60	35	12
Moore's Creek						
Mt. Gilead	B. Matthews	3	42		20	12
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver	11	100		70	12
Mt. Holly	O. W. Carter					
Magnolia	Miss M. E. Clute	3	25		25	12
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	6	50			
Olive Branch						
Piney Grove	J. M. Newton & N. Weeks.	12	132			12
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell	6	78	30	32	12
Hose Hill						
Riley's Creek	J. T. Larkins	10	25		20	12
Salem						
Shiloh	J. P. Stringfield	7	90	100	50	12
Teachey	Union School	5	48	100	25	12
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton	5	80		50	12
Wells' Chapel	L. R. Highsmith					
Wilmington	Jos. S. Mitchell	40	268	75	218	12
Willard	D. H. Brinkly	5	50		45	12
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church	J. W. Taylor	15	73		60	12
Total		238	1878	695	1156	

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & THEIR P. O.	CLERK AND THEIR P. O.
Barlow Chapel	.....	.....
Bethel	L. M. Curtis, Ingold	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.
Boykin's Chapel	L. M. Curtis, Clinton	T. J. Blackburn, Ingold.
Berea	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's S.	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Branch	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive.	John King, Mt. Olive.
Bethlehem	J. B. Downing, Fr Creek	W. C. Keith, Keith.
Bear Marsh	J. W. Smith, Byrdsville.	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Caswell
Burgaw	W. B. Pope, Warsaw	A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Willard.	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.
Corinth	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Colvin's Creek	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's S.	W. G. Horrel, Pt. Caswell.
Caintuck Church	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Capernium	.....	.....
Caswell	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell.
Dobson's Chapel	J. P. Faison, Harrell's S.	Thos. Kilpatrick, Hallsville.
Emma's Chapel	C. S. Cashwell, Pollocksv.	Geo. M. Barbee, Richlands.
Faison	.....	J. W. Lane, Faison.
Harrell's	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff	J. B Downing, Kelly's.	L. C. Russell, Colly.
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Johnson's	L. M. Curtis, Clinton	Leonidas Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	R. C. Sandling, Willard.	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	W. D. Bordeaux, Long Creek.
Lisbon	W. B. Pope, Warsaw	O. Blackburn, Ingold.
Maple Hill	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville.	F. M. Southerland, Kenansv.
Masonboro	D. C. Kelly, Wilmington	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	C. P. Woodcock. Pt. Caswell.
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. J Vann, Clinton,
Mt. Olive	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive.	W. T. Gresham, Mt. Olive.
Mt. Nolly	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	I. Carroll, S. Washington.
Magnolia	.....	Levi Moore, Warsaw.
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Warsaw.
Olive Branch	.....	.....
Piney Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Poplar Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison.
Rose Hill	T. J. Baker Tar Landing	J. H. Fayles, Tar Landing.
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point.
Salem	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry.
Shiloh	.....	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.
Teachy	R. C. Sandling Willard.	M. W. Teachey, Teachey.
Warsaw	W. B. Pope, Warsaw	Jas. K. Smith, Warsaw.
Wells' Chapel	R. C. Sandling, Willard.	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's St.
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Wil	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard	R. C. Sandling, Willard.	F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store.
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Ch.	G. M. Tolson, Wilming.	N. Jenkins, Wilmington.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cherfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chaiman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled.

ARTICLE 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ARTICLE 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ARTICE 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which Committee shall have the superintendence of As-

sociational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ARTICLE 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ARTICLE 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ARTICLE 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ARTICLE 14 This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

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October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1887.

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OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

Church at Wells Chapel,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1887,

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PROCEEDINGS.

WELLS CHAPEL, SAMPSON CO., October 4th, 1887.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Forty-fifth Annual Session in the Well's Chapel Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Stewart, from John 3 : 5.

Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at appointed time by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder G. M. Tolson, who announced the death of Elder G. W. Hufham, the oldest minister in the Association, and called upon Elder R. C. Sandling to lead in special prayer.

List of churches called and forty-two of the forty-nine churches composing this body were found to be represented.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of F. A. Fennell, N. F. Highsmith and O. P. Middleton.

Brethren E. D. Wells and J. T. Bland were appointed Reading Clerks.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church and brother G. A. Herring.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

BETHEL—I. D. Alderman, J. M. Alderman, M. H. Oates.
BEULAH—L. D. Rogers.
BEAR MARSH—D. B. Brown, D. H. Lambert.
BEAR BRANCH—J. M. Malpass.
BETHLEHEM—D. P. Bland.
BURGAW—J. T. Bland, T. J. Vann.
CLINTON—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson, B. F. Herring.
CONCORD—J. W. Taylor, Alfred Hall, D. S. Register
CORINTH—D. W. Fussell, J. C. Williams, B. W. Matthews.
COLVIN'S CREEK—M. C. Horrell, N. M. Horrell.
CAINTUCK CHAPEL—D. J. Corbett.
CASWELL—Luther Vollers, A. B. Rooks, S. D. Kelly.
DOBSON'S CHAPEL—S. C. Register, W. H. Murray,
EMMA'S CHAPEL—G. M. Barbee.
FAISON—J. W. Lane, A. Rich.
HALLSVILLE—E. W. Sanderson, E. Farrion.
HAW BLUFF—S. B. Andrews.
ISLAND CREEK—C. Hartell, E. Heldt, A. B. Mallard.
JOHNSON'S—L. Middleton.
KEENANSVILLE—K. Bryan. A. D. Ward, J. W. Swinson.
LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring, W. D. Bordeaux, J. S. Devane.

LISBON—O. Blackburn, J. P. Parker, W. H. Thomson.
MARY'S CHAPEL—T. H. Rogers, J. W. Stokes, G. W. McGowan.
MOORE'S CREEK—John Moore, E. Larkins, F. P. Alderman.
MT. GILEAD—Stephen Peterson, T. J. H. Peterson, J. O. Matthews.
MT. OLIVE—Thadeus Jones, O. Summerlin.
MT. HOLLY—I. Carroll, J. S. Newton, J. J. Croom.
MAGNOLIA—G. W. Carroll Alfred Hollingsworth.
NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, W. H. Colwell, Frank Pollock.
PINEY GROVE—G. W. Highsmith, O. M. Matthews. J. C. Hobbs.
POPLAR GROVE—Henry Herring, Claudius Oates, W. R. King.
RILEY'S CREEK—G. W. Walker, Jesse Walker.
SHILOH—J. P. Stringfield, A. T. Herring, D. J. Moore.
TEACHEY—T. H. Carter, Z. A. Rochell, J. W. Batts.
WARSAW—A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, C. S. Boyette.
WELLS CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith, J. R. Newkirk, J. H. Highsmith.
WILMINGTON—Wallace Alderman, W. H. Alderman, T. H. Pritchard.
WILLARD—B. F. Fennell, G. W. Johnson, W. Rivenbark.
BROOKLYN BRANCH—J. E. Williams, G. M. Tolson.
SILOAM—I. F. Duncan, C. W. Devane, Willis Ward.
SHARON—W. D. Brock, J. F. Wallace, Z. Blanchard.

Barlow Chapel, Capernium, Maple Hill and Olive Branch not represented. Berea, Masonboro and Salem represented by letter.

Letters from Hallsville, Mt. Holly, Warsaw, Teachey and Bear Marsh were laid on the table.

Letter from Salem was referred to the Executive Committee.

Committee of Arrangements announced that there would be preaching at the stand immediately.

Association proceeded with next order of business, which was the election of officers for ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed Tellers: For Moderator, W. H. Thomson and A. D. Ward; For Clerk. D. J. Corbett and M. H. Oates; For Treasurer, J. W. Lane and B. S. Peterson.

Result—Elder J. L. Stewart, re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Association to convene at 9:30 o'clock, to-morrow; preaching at the stand by Elder J. B. Downing, at 10 o'clock; Missionary Sermon in the house at 11:30 o'clock.

On motion, the usual committees were appointed.

COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—Elder C. Durham, W. H. Alderman, S. B. Andrews.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—L. R. Carroll, Elders J. B. Harrell, O. M. Matthews.
EDUCATION—Elder W. M. Kennedy, F. P. Hobgood, A. D. Ward.
PERIODICALS—Elders R. C. Sandling, C. S. Farriss, Dr. Stuart DeVane.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elder G. M. Tolson, G. W. Carroll, S. M. Carlton.

On motion, State Missions was made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Petitionary Letters were called for. Letters from Siloam and Sharon were presented, asking for admission into this body, and were referred to the Committee on Requests.

On motion, all letters on the table were taken off and referred to the Committee on Requests.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Pritchard.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday, October 5th, 1887.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Roll called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder R. T. Vann, Corresponding Messenger from Central Association, and representative of the Education Board; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford Female Seminary; Elder J. B. Downing and Dr. Stuart DeVane, Corresponding Messengers from Cedar Creek Association; Elder C. S. Farriss, Editor of "Biblical Recorder;" Elder J. T. Albritton, Corresponding Messenger from Atlantic Association; Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board; and bro Jno. J. Highsmith, from South River Association; announced themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

10 O'clock—Special Order.—Report on State Missions was read by Elder C. Durham. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders W. B. Pope, W. A. Melvine, H. M. Croom and C. Durham

List of Churches was called and following pledges made to State Missions:

Bethel, $10; Beulah, $5; Boykins Chapel, $5; Berea, $3; Bear Branch, $2; Bear Marsh, $6; Burgaw, $5; Clinton, $10; Concord, $5; Corinth, $5; Colvins Creek, $1.50; Caintuck, $5; Dobson's Chapel, $3; Emma's Chapel, $4; Faison, $2; Hallsville, $2.50; Island Creek, $7.50; Johnson's, $10; Kenansville, $10; Lisbon, $10; Mary's Chapel, $7; Moore's Creek, $5; Mt. Gilead, $5; Mt. Olive, $10; Mt. Holly, $5; Magnolia, $3; New Hope, $15; Piney Grove, $5; Poplar Grove, $1; Rileys Creek, $5; Teachey, $2.50; Warsaw, $20; Well's Chapel, $15; Wilmington, $100; Willard, $2; Siloam, $10; Sharon, $3.

The Secretary stated that the amount of $2,000, above the pledges made by the Associations of the State, would be needed to meet the indebtedness of the Board, and he wished this Association to raise $200 of this amount. Cash collection, $22.35.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention has had eighty-three brethren engaged in preaching the Gospel to the people in this State during the past year. These have been in the towns and in the country, from the mountains to the sea. The Lord has abundantly blessed the self-sacrificing labors of these devoted men. We seem now to be urged forward by the Lord in many ways in this great work.

Remembering the devoted lives of men like Wells, Stallings, Guy, Hufham, Best, and many others gone to their reward on high, let us, in the strength of the Lord, rise up to the importance of this work, and speedily give the Gospel to all the people of our beloved State. Our opportunities are many. In these we should see the pointings of God's finger,

and hear his calls to us to enlarge our work for the salvation of souls and the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

C. DURHAM,
W. H. ALDERMAN,
S. B. ANDREWS.
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion the courtecies of the body were extended to bro. D. B. Nicholson, editor of the "Clinton Caucasian."

The following additional committees were appointed:

TEMPERANCE—Elder J. P. Faison, Kedar Vann, G. W. Highsmith.
REQUESTS—Elders W. M. Kennedy. J. T. Albritton, J. Wells Taylor.
HOME MISSIONS—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J. C. Williams, G. M. Barbee.
OBITUARIES—Elders O. M. Matthews, W. M. Kennedy, W. A. Melvine.
NOMINATE EXECU'E COMMITTEE—Isaiah Carroll, T. J. H. Peterson, A. F. Robinson.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—Elders G. M. Tolson, R. C. Sandling, J. B. Barlow.
AUDIT TREASURER'S REPORT—A. D. Ward, G. W. Carroll, J. T. Lewis.
NOMINATE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL—Elder W. B. Pope, J. W. Lane, K. Bryan.

Committee onRequests reported. Report laid on the table.

On motion, the Report on Periodicals was made special order for 2 o'clock, P. M., to be immediately followed by Report on Education.

11:30 o'clock.—The Missionary Sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Amount of collections, $27.

Report of Committee on Requests was taken from the table. The committee recommended the reception of the two churches petitioning for admission into this body; and Warsaw as the place for holding next Session of the Association; both of which were adopted.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from new churches.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Letter from Poplar Grove was presented and read.

W. D. Kelley, J. M. Malpass, T. J. Jarman and J. P. Stringfield were given final leave of absence.

2 O'clock—SPECIAL ORDER.—Report on Periodicals was read by Elder R. C. Sandling. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Elders C. S. Farris, and W. B. Pope.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

For fifty-three years the "Biblical Recorder" has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention. During that time it has done a good work for our denomination. It is pre-eminently devoted to the development of the Baptist Church in the State, and to the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. We rejoice in its work and commendit as a necessity for every Baptist home in the bounds of our Association. We urge our pastors to make vigorous efforts for its circulation among the members of their churches, for it is a fact that the best supporters of our work are readers of the "Recorder."

We commend also the Sunday School helps furnished in Atlanta and Philadelphia. All of which may be secured at the supply store now in charge of Rev. C. Durham.

We commend also the "Foreign Mission Journal," a little monthly paper published at Richmond, Va., for the purpose of giving information about the work in foreign lands.

R. C. SANDLING,
C. S. FARRIS,
DR. STUART DEVANE.
Committee.

Report on Education was read by Prof F. P. Hobgood. The Association was addressed upon the subject of Education by Prof. Hobgood and Elder R. T. Vann.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education do not deem it necessary to urge upon our brethren the importance of educating their sons and daughters. How any one can fail to give his children such educational advantages as his means will permit, we do not see.

Our Wake Forest College, we are glad to say, is in a very prosperous condition, the number of students being larger than ever before in the history of the institution, and it is perhaps the most progressive college in the South.

The Baptists of North Carolina are very fortunate in having four colleges for the education of their daughters, at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby. Let us not fail to prepare our daughters for useful lives.

Our Education Board, whose province it is to aid young men, called of God to preach the gospel, in fitting themselves more thoroughly to do the work entrusted to them, is sadly in need of funds, and we earnestly request our brethren to relieve this Board of its pressing demands.

W. M. KENNEDY,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
A. D. WARD.
Committee.

The list of churches was called and some brother or sister designated in each church to look after the collection of funds for education, as follows:

Bethel—W. J. Fryar, Clinton; Beulah—L. D. Rogers, Faison; Boykins Chapel—Miss Lou Boykin, Clinton; Bear Branch—W. R. Brinson, Pt. Caswell; Bethlehem—W. C. Keith, Keith; Bear Marsh—D. H. Walker, Mt. Olive; Burgaw—Mrs. J. C. Carroll, Burgaw; Clinton—Miss Maggie Bizzell, Clinton; Concord—Mrs. Robt. Wells, Magnolia; Corinth—Miss Martha Boon, Rose Hill; Colvins Creek—W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell; Caintuck—J. A. Duke, Viola; Caswell—F. O. Malpass, Pt. Caswell; Dobson's Chapel—W. H. Murray, Kenansville; Emma's Chapel—Miss Millie Cox, Richlands; Faison—Miss S. A. Williams, Faison; Hallsville—L. A. Kennedy, Hallsville; Haw Bluff—Cass Boswell, Pt. Caswell; Island Creek—A. B. Mallard, Wallace; Johnsons—J. A. Powell, Warsaw; Kenansville—Miss Dora Cox, Kenansville; Lisbon—Miss Mattie G. Herring, Clear Run; Maple Hill—Fennell Powers, Maple Hill; Mary's Chapel—J. W. Stokes, Kenansville; Masonboro—E. Hewlett, Wilmington; Moores Creek—W. L. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell; Mt. Gilead—J. O. Matthews, Taylors Bridge; Mt. Olive—Mrs. Jennie Chestnut, Mt. Olive; Mt. Holly—Miss Frank Hall, South Washington; Magnolia—Miss Mary Clute, Magnolia; New Hope—C. E. Daniel, Warsaw; Piney Grove—Nathan Weeks, Faison; Poplar Grove—M. W. Clifton, Faison; Riley's Creek—W. B. Hocutt, Rocky Point; Shiloh—H. A. Bland, Moores Creek; Teachey—M. W. Teachey, Teachy; Warsaw—O. P. Middleton, Warsaw; Wells Chapel—Mrs. R. C. Sandling, Harrells Store; Wilmington—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington; Willard—Dr. J. Powers, Willard; Brooklyn Branch—J. W. Taylor, Wilmington; Siloam—F. A. Fennell, Harrells Store; Sharon—J. F. Wallace, Chinquepin.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

The Association to convene at 9:30 o'clock, to-morrow. Preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock, by Elder J. B. Harrell.

The Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee reported. [See 2d page.]

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Elder R. T. Vann.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session,

THURSDAY, October 6th, 1887.

Devotional exercises conducted by brother L. R. Carroll.

On motion any brother attending sister Associations or Baptist State Convention was authorized to represent us.

Report of Standing Committees called for.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by bro. J. T. Bland, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

As is now well known, the principal part of our work as a Committee was turned over to the Board of State Missions. Upon our recommendations Bro. Sandling, has been aided at Willard and Teacheys. Bro. Melvin, at Chinquepin, and Bro. Pope, at Burgaw. A report of whose labors has been embraced in the report on State Missions.

The field of destitution within our borders is extensive, and white unto the harvest, and the call of the Lord seems to be upon us to go in and occupy the land.

The churches at Salem and Barlow's Chapel are entirely without pastors, and there are several other promising points for Mission Stations. We think it very important, if possible, to get a pastor to settle on the field and take charge of the churches. We feel that special mention ought to be made of the labors of Bro. T. J. Baker, in Onslow County. He has been laboring since our last session on this field and is pastor, at Emma's Chapel and Rose Hill and the Lord seems to have specially blessed his labors. He reports 53 baptisms and has collected about $260, on his field. At our Union Meeting in January we recommended an appropriation of $200, for Bro. Baker, but when the application was made, we were informed by Bro. Ray, that the amount authorized by the Convention had been already appropriated, so that Bro. Baker, had nothing except what he collected on the field for his labors. Brethren this ought not so to be. We commend Bro. Baker, and his work to the sympathy and prayers of the brethren.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. BLAND,
Chairman, pro tem.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School was read by Elder W. B. Pope. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders W. B. Pope, J. L. Stewart, J. P. Faison, T. H. Pritchard, and J. T. Bland and Alfred Hollingsworth.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

Since our last report important changes have been made in the management of the school. The former Principals retired from the management at the close of the last session. The Board of Trustees appreciating the great good heretofore accomplished by this school, and feeling the necessity of perpetuating its influence throughout this Association, determined to erect a new building on the lot formerly occupied by the seminary, in place of the one which was destroyed by fire about two years ago. The new building has been

erected, and is better suited to the present needs of the school than the old one. The brethren of Warsaw and community have subscribed and paid liberally toward the erection of this building, worth, we think, to the Association, at least $1,000, with a debt of only $150 still unpaid. These brethren who have aided in this good work have done all they feel able to do towards paying for this building, and therefore ask the brethren of this body to help liquidate the debt.

The Trustees, after having advertised for a Principal, and after carefully considering the many applications in answer thereto, among them some from educators of State reputation, selected Prof. C. H. Spencer, a teacher of experience and one who comes among us with highest recommendations as an educator. Bro. Spencer, has assumed control of the School, and has associated with him two efficient teachers.

There are now upwards of seventy pupils in attendance, with the number steadily increasing. Brethren it is for you to say what the future of this school shall be. It is your school, you can make it what you wish to.

We deem it absolutely necessary to the efficiency and permanency of this school, as a school of high grade, that it be able to open its doors to the boys and girls of the surounding country. This can be done only when the means are provided for taking care of the boarding pupils under the immediate supervision of the Principal of the school.

There is a large building on the lot, adjoining the school property, built expressly for the purpose of the boarding department; but this property now belongs to private individuals, and is not under the control of the management of the school. This property can be purchased at very reasonable rates.

Resol·ed, That the matter of selling the land on the south side of College street, and purchasing the Stalling's property, be referred entirely to the Board of Trustees, with full power to act, in the premises, according to their best judgment.

Respectfully Submitted,

O. P. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by bro. L. R. Carroll. The list of churches was called and pledges made to Foreign Missions as follows:

Bethel, $2.50; Beulah, $5; Boykins Chapel, $2.50; Bethlehem, $5; Bear Marsh, $2.50; Burgaw, $5; Clinton, $7.50; Concord, $2.50; Corinth, $3; Caintuck Chapel, $5; Dobson's Chapel, $3; Emma's Chapel, $3; Faison, $1; Hallsville, $3; Island Creek, $8; Johnson's $10; Kenansville, $10; Long Creek, $5; Lisbon, $5; Mary's Chapel, $3.50; Moore's Creek $3; Mt. Gilead, $5; Mt. Olive, $10; Mt. Holly, $2.50; Magnolia, $3; New Hope, $15; Piney Grove, $5; Poplar Grove, $2.50; Rose Hill, $2; Riley's Creek, $5; Teachey, $3; Warsaw, $15; Wells Chapel, $15; Wilmington, $100; Willard, $2; Brooklyn Branch, $25; Siloam, $5; Sharon, $2.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No truth is more clearly taught in the Bible than this: "That Christianity is a missionary religion, not like the Jewish, a religion for one people, but for all the world, for every creature." Every effort, therefore, towards evangelization that stops short of all nations is not in full harmony with the teachings of Christ. The success of the gospel in foreign lands to-day is truly phenomenal and indicates the path of duty to every watchful, Christian. "Facts are the fingers of God." Fifty-eight dollars are spent to-day sending the gospel to American heathen for every dollar sent to foreign heathen, and yet we are confronted with the singular fact that the gains in communicants the past year has been nine times greater in foreign missions than in Christendom.

For years past Christians have been praying the Lord of the harvest to prosper the way and "send forth more laborers into the harvest."

To-day the last serious obstacle has been removed, the field lies an unbroken plane before us, comparatively "white unto the harvest." To-day more than two thousand labor-

ers in America stand ready and anxious to enter the field, many of them within the limits of our own Southern Baptist Convention and in our State.

Only one thing is needed, of which, billions lie buried in the treasuries of American Christians.

To-day a voice is heard from out the cloud, the significance of which cannot be misunderstood: Bring ye all the tithes unto the store-house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it.

May God give us grace to hear and obey the voice, till all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
J. B. HARRELL,
O. M. MATTHEWS.
Committee.

The Convention to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See 1st page).

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Board during the past Conventional year has been as follows: Missionaries, 251; places occupied, 822.

Baptisms, 3,923; received by letter, 2,319; total additions, 6,242.

Sunday Schools reported, 318; teachers and pupils, 13,031; churches constituted, 119; houses of worship built, 62.

The expenditures have been for missions	$86,827.05
Our Missionaries have raised for houses of worship, built upon their fields of labor	35,270.15
Total	$122,097.20

This sum represents actual work done for the Baptists of the South.

TWENTY-FIVE

of our missionaries have labored among the colored people, of whom five have been engaged in giving theological instruction to their preachers and other official members.

While in no part of our wide field have we been without evidences of the Divine favor, our greatest success has been in

CUBA,

Where brother A. J. Diaz has organized three churches, baptized 325, established four Sunday schools and three day schools where the children are instructed in religious truth as well as such branches of learning as are ordinarily taught in these schools.

These daily schools are rendered necessary by the persecutions to which the Baptists are subjected in that Island.

During the year there were many calls for help which we could not answer.

THIS YEAR

the Board proposes to enlarge its work.

THE INDIANS

are appealing piteously to us for more men. They want, and must have, another school to be located at Atoka in the Choctaw Nation.

IN FLORIDA,

besides the smaller towns and other places to which our work must be extended, Pensacola St. Augustine and the thousands of Cubans at Tampa, must be helped.

LOUISIANA,

including New Orleans, requires double what she received last year. Such men as Penick and Tompkies say she must have it or disaster will follow.

The work among our colored people, so auspiciously begun, must be enlarged until it reaches every State in the South.

CUBA

must have missions opened at Matanzas, Cardenas, Santiago de Cuba and other cities, where we are told that thousands anxiously wait the coming of the Heralds of the Cross.

SIX NATIVE CUBANS,

whom God has called to the work of the ministry, instructed by Bro. Diaz, are now prepared to go forth preaching Christ to their countrymen. We must send these or disobey the call of the Divine Spirit. Then we must have a house of worship at Havana. This is an imperative need. We could weary you with the recital of these wants of special fields.

The Baptists of the South have made it our business to look after this department of their work, and we say to our brethren that we must have

THIS YEAR

an increase of fifty per cent. upon the receipts of last year. God has so enlarged the sphere of our labors that nothing less than this will enable us to do what is imperatively demanded of the Board. Your committee have learned with pleasure that the contributions this year for this cause amount to about $2,000. Considerably more than has been given during any previous year, and beg leave to recommend that the Association request the persons in the churches who represented this cause last year to act in the same relation for the coming year, and express the hope that the churches will increase the subscriptions to meet the increased expenditures proposed to be made by the Board.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. C. WILLIAMS,
G. M. BARBEE,
Committee.

The Committee on Baptist Orphanage reported. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by Elders G. M. Tolson and J. L. Stewart.

REPORT BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

It is highly gratifying to us to be able to state that our Orphanage at Thomasville is already an assured success. Last year there were only 43 children within its walls. Now seventy odd precious little ones find refuge beneath its friendly roof. Several new buildings have been recently completed; and yet, the accommodations are not sufficient to meet even present demands. If the number of buildings that now adorn the ample grounds of the institution were multiplied by six edifices they would soon be crowded. Even then there would doubtless be many orphans that would necessarily be turned away, either to remain without a home or to be received into the Orphanage of other denominations.

It can, therefore, readily be seen by all that God has laid this institution upon the hearts and pocket books of North Carolina Baptists.

We urge the brethren to let the riches of their liberality abound towards Bro. Mills and his orphans. He asks for our money and we may be sure that he needs at once what he asks for. For further information concerning the Orphanage we refer every one to "Charity and Children," a delightful little paper published every week at Thomasville. Bro. Mills is the publisher and editor. The paper is furnished to every one that becomes a member of the Orphanage Association by the payment of one dollar. Write for it immediately and send with the subscription price as large a contribution as your means will permit you to make.

Respectfully Submitted.

G. M. TOLSON,
R. C. SANDLING,
J. B. BARLOW.
Committee.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received,		$581.16
Appropriated as follows:		
Ministerial Education,	$114.75	
State Missions,	190.41	
Foreign Missions,	137.60	
Home Missions,	36.20	
Minute Fund,	51.54	
Ladies' Missionary Society,	32.44	
Baptist Orphanage,	17.24	

W. W. HOLDING,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
N. F. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Baptist Association:

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To amount received from Finance Committee		$640.52

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By Am't paid John E. Ray for Ministerial Education	$ 93.87	
" " " " " " " State Missions	34.50	
" " " " " " " Foreign Missions	225.17	
" " " " " " " State Missions	50.29	
" " " J. L. Britt for services as Clerk	15.00	
" " " D. J. Middleton for Asso. Missions	133.70	
" " " O. P. Middleton for Minute Fund	44.25	
" " " F. H. Briggs for State and Foreign Missions	27.00	
Total	$623.78	$623.78
To balance on hand		$ 16.74

Examined and found correct.
Respectfully Submitted,

A. D. WARD,
G. W. CARROLL.
J. F. LEWIS,
Auditing Committee.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The Committee on Sunday schools reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elder J. B. Harrell.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that the work seems to be gaining ground within the limits of our Association. New schools are being established, and many schools that have been hitherto kept open for only a part of the year, are now meeting regularly throughout the whole year. We are sorry that we could not have access

to the church letters so as to give the full statistics of the entire membership of the Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. M. CARLTON
G. W. CARROLL,
G. M. TOLSON,
Committee.

Elder J. L. Stewart offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the delegates comprising this Association, upon our return to our churches, will take steps to have suitable persons in each of our churches to take charge of the matter of raising funds for the Baptist Orphanage and forwarding the same, and will have the same reported in the letters to the next Association.

Adopted.

J. T. Bland was given final leave of absence.

Delegates from Bear Marsh were given final leave of absence.

The Committee on Temperance reported.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

What the forge and chemicals are in the art of tempering the edged tool, so the Holy Spirit is the agency by which the soul of man is tempered and fitted for all the duties that bear upon his present and eternal destiny. Man is born to depraved appetites, perverted will and confused mind. He needs the regimen of temperance lest he be betrayed to those excesses from which come loss of health, disgrace of character and darkness of mind.

The example and authority of Christ anathematise intemperance and place it in the list of the lowest vices. In view of this the statute law may regulate man's use of any of God's creatures, but not abolish them from existence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. FAISON,
K. BRYAN,
G. W. HIGHSMITH.
Committee.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Neither funeral services nor obituary notices can benefit the dead, but they may, and most assuredly ought to, exert a salutary influence on the living. It has been said by one of North Carolina's noted sons, "That to die is the lot of all men, and no one is denied his share in the inheritance of the grave, but to be praised after death is the lot of but a few, and it is only the benefactors of our race that leave a name grateful to posterity."

If the patriotic soldier be stimulated to perform heroic acts from the hope that his name with those deeds shall emblazon the pages of his country's history, surely the faithful soldiers of the cross with the additional hope of eternal life should strive to be active and consistent in their lives.

It is a very solemn thought that many who are present may be numbered among the dead ere we meet in this capacity again. Let us remember that any of us may die this year, this month, this week, this hour, this minute. Let us be admonished by the words of Jesus, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Elder E. A. Best died recently, at his home in Richlands, Onslow county, at an advanced age. We think he was a native of Virginia, but spent most of his life in Eastern North Carolina, receiving very little compensation. He preached largely to destitute portions, relying to a great extent on his own resources. He was greatly beloved by the people among whom he labored. He was a man of excellent business qualifications and highly esteemed by all sects and creeds. He was a man of unblemished character and consequently

exerted a good influence as a minister of the gospel. We regret that we have not the data upon which to write a more extended notice of the life and labors of this good man, that we hope has gone to recieve a rich reward in the world above.

ELDER G. W. HUFHAM

died at the residence of his son, Robert Hufham, in Duplin county, on the morning of Oct, 4th, in the eighty-third year of his age. He was born and reared in Rockfish Township Duplin county. He was a student at Chapel Hill for some time—read medicine—but before entering upon its practice he became impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel.

About the year 1830, while a member of the church at Wells Chapel, he began to preach and soon after he was ordained. For seven years he gave himself without reserve and with great success to preaching the gospel to the destitute portions of the Eastern Association.

In 1838 he went to Mississippi, carrying with him the burning zeal for Christ which had characterized him here. From friends who knew him there we learn that he was commonly spoken of by enthusiastic admirers as our "heavenly preacher." From over exertion in preaching he contracted a disease of the throat which followed him through life, seriously injuring his voice and rendering it impossible for him to labor as he was accustomed to do.

Returning to his native State in 1845 he devoted himself to the pastorate. The church at Magnolia enjoyed his ministrations for more than 20 years. Kenansville, Johnson's, Falling Creek and Mt. Holly were also under his care at different times. No other pastor in the Association has been more instrumental in helping forward so many young ministers. W. M. Kennedy, Geo. S. Best, J. P. Faison, J. N. Stallings and J. L. Carroll will bear grateful testimony on this point.

He had many shining gifts, but as a leader of his brethren he was pre-eminent. He was the strong and continuous supporter of the "Recorder." He was the friend of education and as the result of his anxiety in this direction, we would most respectfully refer to his more distinguished son, tne Rev. Dr. J. D. Hufham, whose name is a household word in North Carolina, and, indeed, he is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention being for many years the Editor of the "Biblical Recorder."

We feel that we can safely put him down as the benefactor of his race and his name will be cherished by a grateful and affectionate posterity. For want of space your committee must close this notice.

At his residence, near Magnolia, N. C., on the 19th of Sept., 1887, Matthis Rogers, Esq., aged seventy-five years. Deceased was a prominent member of the Baptist Church at Magnolia and felt a deep interest in all that pertained to its welfare. He was a good neighbor, a kind husband and father. He had served his generation well and died in peace with God and man. May the Lord bless his sorrowing widow and children.—From the "Biblical Recorder" of Oct. 4th, 1887.

Sister Mary Francis Peterson, wife of Bro. B. S. Peterson, died in the triumphs of the Christian faith, on the 29th of May, in the 41st year of her age. She joined the church in Clinton under the preaching of Elders J. B. Hardwicke, J. L. Carroll and J. L. Stewart and was baptized by Bro. Carroll. She had consumption for some 15 months and while suffering made no complaint,—yet frequently spoke of her hope of the joys of that beautiful city beyond the river. She told her husband she had no fears as to the future—her only regret was in parting with him and her children for Jesus had made it all bright and beautiful in and beyound the River. Her physician said her death was like a lamp gently blown out, she being conscious to the last.

She has left a husband and three little, sorrowing, children to whom we would most joyfully commend the following verse:

Cease, ye mourners, cease to languish,
O'er the graves of those you love,
Pain and death, and night, and anguish,
Enter not the world above.

Deacon Ephraim Strickland died at his residence, near Magnolia, Duplin county, in the hope of the Christian's reward. He was a member of the church at Magnolia and manifested a deep interest in her prosperity, being a strong friend of the prayer meeting and all other measures that are intended to advance the cause of Christianity.

He left a widow whose loss is his eternal gain.

To the families and friends of all mentioned above, we would earnestly ask you to make this your daily prayer:

Oh! for the death of those,
Who slumber in the Lord;
Oh! be like this my last repose,
Like this my last reward.

O. M. MATTHEWS,
W. M. KENNEDY,
W. A. MELVINE.
Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Article 9 of the Constitution was stricken out and the following inserted:

The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall co-operate with the State Board in the superintendance of the Mission work within the bounds of our Association, and during the intervals of the meetings of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, and make an annual report of their work to the Association.

Bro. D. J. Moore stated that the minutes were wrong in calling this the 43rd annual session. He said that he had proof that it was the 45th session.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to confer with Bro. Moore, and if sufficient proof was found he was ordered to make the change.

The Clerk reported that he had succeeded in collecting an unbroken file of the minutes from 1853 to the present. He stated that the Association was indebted to Bro. D. J. Moore for these minutes, and very likely they could not have been found anywhere else. On motion, the thanks of the Association were extended to Bro. Moore.

Elder W. B. Pope, S. M. Carlton and O. P. Middleton were appointed a Committee on Colportage.

The letter from Teachey, asking for aid towards the completion of their house of worship, was taken from the table. Remarks by Elders H. M. Croom and R. C. Sandling. On motion, the delegates were instructed to take a collection in their churches at the next meeting for Teachey.

Bro. G. W. Highsmith offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of this community for the kind hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors during this session of the Association.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $15 for his services.

Elder R. C. Sandling was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. B. Pope the Missionary Sermon at the next session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Warsaw, Tuesday, after first Sunday in October, 1888.

Prayer by Elder G. M. Tolson. A hymn was sung and the brethren extended the parting hand.

Benediction by Elder J. L. Britt.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

J. L. BRITT,
Clerk.

FOR NEXT SESSION.

Place of meeting—Warsaw, Duplin county, N. C.

Time—Tuesday, after first Sunday in October, 1888.

Introductory Sermon—Elder R. C. Sandling.

Missionary Sermon—Elder W. B. Pope.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	No. of Copies of Recorder Taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow Chapel												
Bethel	9	3	2	3		2	50	74		124	9	4th Sunday.
Beulah	15	3	1	2	4	2	55	60		115	3	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	2		1	3	1	1	50	87		137	4	2nd Sunday.
Berea	6	8		3	4	1	28	49		77		2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch	6		1			1	23	17		40		4th Sunday.
Bethlehem		2		1			36	63		99	3	2nd Sunday.
Bear Marsh	10			3	3	4	47	115		156	5	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw		4					6	19		25	5	3rd Sunday.
Clinton	13				1	1	36	57		93		3rd Sunday.
Concord	1	5		1	3	1	36	71		107	3	1st Sunday.
Corinth	2		2	6	6	1	50	75		125	6	4th Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	6	2		1	2		26	26		52		1st Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel		4			1	2	48	48		96	2	4th Sunday.
*Capernium							8	24				
Caswell	3	2		2			23	28		51		4th Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	8	2		4		1	37	50		87	2	4th Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	9	2		1		2	27	48		75	1	1st Sunday.
Faison						1	6	8		14	3	
Hallsville	15		1	4	3	6	39	87		126		1st Sunday.
Haw Bluff	2			1		2	47	75		122		3rd Sunday.
Island Creek	17	3	2	21	3	2	56	106		162	4	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	16	2	1	2		3	41	74	10	128	6	1st Sunday.
Kenansville		5		3		2	36	56		92	4	3rd Sunday.
Long Creek	6	6	3	4	2	1	69	87		156	1	1st Sunday.
Lisbon		2	1	2	1		43	49		92	9	1st Sunday.
*Maple Hill							21	22				
Mary's Chapel	4	6		3			47	58		105		4th Sunday.
Masonboro	21			3		5	78	93		171	2	2nd Sunday.
Moore's Creek	5	1	1	3	1	3	33	41		74	3	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	18	2	2	2	2	1	67	107		174	4	4th Sunday.
Mt Olive	7	2	1	4	4		32	75		107	8	2nd & 4th Sundays.
Mt. Holly	9	1	2	1	1	1	55	94		149	1	2nd Sunday.
Magnolia	15	2	3	7	3	3	72	137		209	8	2nd Sunday.
New Hope		3	3	7	1		53	107		160	6	2nd Sunday.
*Olive Branch							29	50				
Piney Grove	6	1		6	11		61	99	6	166	4	4th Sunday.
Poplar Grove	17	1		1			48	50		98		3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill	3	5	2				11	19		30		2nd Sunday.
Riley's Creek	12	1	2	2	5		50	92		142	12	3rd Sunday.
Salem	7						5	29		34		
Shiloh	7	2	2	3	2	1	71	129		200	4	3rd Sunday.
Siloam		3					24	16		40	5	3rd Sunday.
Sharon	13	18	4	1			18	41		59		3rd Sunday.
Teachey	1	2			2	2	14	28		42	2	4th Sunday.
Warsaw		3		5	2	1	80	155		235	10	2nd & 4th Sundays.
Well's Chapel	13	3	1	36		4	85	95		180	15	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington	3	19	1	13	5	8	137	273		410	50	Twice every Sunday.
Willard	1	2		2	1		36	42		78	3	4th Sunday.
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church	4	11		1	1	1	40	68		108	10	2 times Sunday.
Total	312	143	39	167	71	66	2090	3383	16	5489	217	

* Taken from last years Minutes.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Sunday Sch'l Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	From Ladies Missionary Societies.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for All Objects.
Barlow's Chapel,												
Bethel,	112 50	20 00	5 00	10 00			1 85	2 00	1 50	10 00		152 85
Beulah,			2 50	5 00	5 00		2 76		1 50			17 76
Boykin's Chapel,	75 00		2 50	7 50	9 17		2 01		1 25		3 00	100 43
Berea,	48 00				1 00				1 89			50 89
Bear Branch,	40 00			1 00					50			41 50
Bethlehem,	84 00		2 00	3 00	5 00				1 25		11 95	127 20
Bear Marsh,	100 00		5 00	7 50	2 00				1 50		7 00	123 00
Burgaw,	150 00	67 07	2 50	5 00	2 50	2 23	2 50	5 00	75			187 55
Clinton,			5 00	5 00	10 00		5 00		1 50			26 50
Concord,	125 00		10 00	10 00	5 00				1 25			151 25
Corinth,			2 00	5 00	3 00				50			10 50
Colvin's Creek,	36 00	20 00		2 00					55			58 55
Caintuck Chapel,	72 00		2 00	2 00	5 00				1 00		5 00	87 00
Capernium,												
Caswell,	70 00	10 65	1 00	3 00	3 25				1 00			99 40
Dobson's Chapel,	50 00		2 00	3 00	3 00		2 00		80			60 80
Emma's Chapel,	60 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 20				50			76 70
Faison,				1 50					50			2 00
Hallsville,	75 00			2 54	5 00		1 00		1 00			84 55
Haw Bluff,	72 00	8 64		25	1 50		2 00		64		65	85 68
Island Creek,	100 00	3 00	2 50	7 50	3 68		2 00		2 26	6 32	2 50	129 76
Johnson's,	100 00		5 00	10 00	1 77		3 00		1 50	8 23		129 50
Kenansville,	100 00		1 93	10 00	10 00		5 00		1 50	3 48		131 91
Long Creek,	95 00		2 00	2 00	8 31				1 00			88 33
Lisbon,	150 00		10 00	10 00	5 75		4 00	11 00	1 00			191 75
Maple Hill,												

Mary's Chapel,			2 00	4 00					70			6 70
Masonboro,	100 00	40 00	2 50	5 00	1 50		2 00		2 00			153 00
Moore's Creek,	60 00		2 50	5 00	91		2 04		1 25			71 72
Mt. Gilead,	125 00		10 00	5 00	5 00		5 00		2 00			152 00
Mt. Olive,	240 00	35 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		3 00		1 00	14 85	5 00	314 00
Mt. Holly;	75 00			1 25	1 25				1 20			78 70
Magnolia,	100 00	12 00		1 50	1 50				2 00			117 00
New Hope,	125 00		5 00	20 00	25 00		5 00		1 50	12 00		193 50
Olive Branch,												
Piney Grove,	100 00			10 50	2 00				1 45			113 95
Poplar Grove,	75 00		1 00	2 50			1 00		1 00			80 50
Rose Hill,	65 86	7 50		3 25	2 00				50		1 00	80 11
Riley's Creek,	125 00			5 00	2 52				1 50	3 16		137 18
Salem,												
Shiloh,	125 00		2 82	1 00	5 05				1 00	5 56	3 14	142 57
Siloam,									1 25			
Sharon,	42 00			2 59					50			45 07
Teachey,	50 00	200 00	5 00	5 00	2 50		2 00		50		2 40	267 40
Warsaw,	300 00	35 00	10 00	20 00	15 00		5 00	156 00	1 50			542 50
Wells Chapel,	150 00	65 00	10 00	15 00	15 00		6 65	9 00	1 50			257 15
Wilmington,	2500 00	676 24	50 00	156 00	100 00		25 00	558 00	4 00		10 00	4342 25
Willard,	125 00	25 00	2 50	5 00	5 00		2 50	10 00	80			175 80
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church,	375 00	50 00			20 00							450 00
Total,	6512 36	1268 60	407 36	394 36	308 36	2 23	92 31	751 00	52 99	63 60	51 64	9905 81

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. Month during Year School Kept Open.
Barlow's Chapel,						
Bethel,	M. H. Oates,	4	25		15	6
Beulah,	L. D. Rogers,	4	17		12	12
Boykin's Chapel,	A. F. Robinson,	4	30	20		9
Berea,	Joseph Brooks,	6	80	150	50	8
Bear Branch,	W. R. Brinson, Jr.,	5	36	25	25	9
Bethlehem,	W. C. Keith,	5	35	100	20	10
Bear Marsh,	R. J. Walker	7	35		25	12
Burgaw,	J. T. Bland,	5	60	24	48	12
Clinton	John Ashford,	12	47		30	12
Concord,						
Corinth,						12
Colvin's Creek,	W. G. Harrell,	6	30		25	12
Caintuck Chapel,	D. J. Corbett,	8	70	200	45	12
Capernium,						
Caswell,	J. G. Parker,	12	62		40	
Dobsen's Chapel,	W. H. Murray,	4	50		35	12
Emma's Chapel,	W. M. Barbee,	12	70		45	12
Faison,						
Hallsville,						
Haw Bluff,	W. F. Brown,	2	35		30	8
Island Creek,	C. Harrell,	3	40		35	9
Johnson's,	L. Middleton,	6	60		40	9
Kenansville,	A. D. Ward,	6	25		26	12
Long Creek,	J. H. Brinson,	5	40		30	12
Lisbon,	W, B, Lamb	4	50		40	10
Maple Hill,						
Mary's Chapel,	T. H. Rogers,	5	25		15	
Masonboro,	Elijah Hewlett,	7	40	60	30	12
Moore's Creek,						
Mt. Gilead,	B. Matthews,—two schools	10	92		60	12
Mt. Olive,	J. F. Oliver,	10	70	50	50	12
Mt. Holly,	A. Carroll,	7	51		36	12
Magnolia,	Miss Mary Clute,	7	65		45	12
New Hope,	L. R. Carroll,	5	50		40	12
Olive Branch,						
Piney Grove,	W. I. Lane,	3	60	30	40	12
Poplar Grove,	R. R. Bell,	7	84		46	12
Rose Hill,						
Riley's Creek,	J. T. Larkins,	5	25		15	12
Salem,						
Shiloh,	J. P. Stringfield	8	75	100	50	12
Siloam,	J. F. Lewis,	8	67		65	12
Sharon,	Martha G. Sloan,	4	55		40	9
Teachey,	J. C. McMillan,	5	40	100	25	12
Warsaw,	S. M. Carlton,	7	75		50	12
Well's Chapel,	L, R. Highsmith,	7	120	100		12
Wilmington,	J. S. Mitchell,	40	260	75	210	12
Willard,	D. H. Brinkley,	6	50		45	12
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Ch'h,	J. W. Taylor,	14	75		75	12
Total,		285	2276	1034	1553	

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.
Barlow Chapel, ..	.....	.....
Bethel, ...	L. M. Curtis, Clinton,	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Beulah, ...	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.
Boykin's Chapel,	L. M. Curtis, Clinton,	T. J. Blackburn, Ingold.
Berea, ...	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Branch, ...	J. W. Smith, Byrdsville,	W. R. Brinson, Pt. Caswell.
Bethlehem, ...	J. P. Faison, Harrells St.	W. C. Keith, Keith.
Bear Marsh, ...	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive,	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive.
Burgaw, ...	W. B. Pope, Warsaw,	A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Clinton, ...	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	H. J. Hines, Clinton.
Concord, ...	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.	W. A. Moore. Magnolia.
Corinth, ...	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Colvin's Creek, ..	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.	McHorrell, Pt. Caswell.
Caintuck Chapel,	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Capernium	.....	.....
Caswell, ...	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.
Dobson's Chapel,	J. P. Faison, Harrells St.	T. Kilpatrick, Hallsville.
Emma's Chapel, .	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	G. M. Barker, Richlands.
Faison, ...	.....	J. W. Lane, Faison.
Hallsville, ...	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff, ...	J. B. Downing, Kellys,	L. C. Boswell, Colly.
Island Creek, ...	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive,	J. M. Wallace, Wallace.
Johnson's, ...	E. D. Wells, Warsaw,	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville, ...	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Long Creek, ...	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	W. D. Bordeaux, Long Creek,
Lisbon, ...	W. B. Pope, Warsaw,	O. Blackburn, Ingold.
Maple Hill, ...	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel, ..	G. S. Best, Kenansville.	T. M. Southerland, Warsaw.
Masonboro, ...	D. C. Kelly, Wilmington,	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moores Creek, ...	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Mt. Gilead, ...	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
Mt. Olive, ...	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive,	W. T. Gresham, Mt. Olive,
Mt. Holly, ...	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	Isaiah Carroll, So. Washington
Magnolia, ...	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	Levi Moore, Warsaw.
New Hope, ...	J. L. Stewart. Clinton.	J. T. Kennedy, Warsaw.
Olive Branch, ...	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Poplar Grove, ...	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	W. D, Stevens. Faison.
Rose Hill, ...	J. J. Baker, Tar Landing,	Jas. H. Foyles, Tar Landing,
Riley's Creek, ...	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw,	J. T. Larkins, Long Creek.
Salem, ...	.....	J. D. Congleton, Sneads Ferry.
Shiloh, ...	L. M. Curtis, Clinton,	J. P. Stringfield, Moores Creek·
Siloam, ...	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.	R. A. Highsmith, Harrells St'e
Sharon, ...	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.	W. D. Brock, Chinquepin.
Teachey, ...	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.	M. W. Teachey, Teacheys.
Warsaw, ...	W. B. Pope, Warsaw,	Jas. K. Smith, Warsaw.
Well's Chapel, ...	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.	L. D. Highsmith, Harrells St'e.
Wilmington, ...	T. H. Pritchard, D.D., Wil.	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard, ...	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.	F. A. Fennell, Harrells Store
Brooklyn Branch of Wilm'n Ch.,	G. M. Tolson, Wilmington	N. Jenkins, Wilmington.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cherfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment: to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour,

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress: to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech: to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principals of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled.

ARTICLE 4 The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ARTICLE 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ARTICLE 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall co-operate with the State Board in the superintendence of the Mission work within the bounds of our Association,

and during the interval of the meetings of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, and make an annual report of their work to the Association.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ARTICLE 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ARTICLE 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ARTICLE 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ARTICLE 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Warsaw, Duplin Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 9, 10 AND 11, 1888.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING—Concord, Duplin County, N. C.
TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1889.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder F. R. Underwood.
MISSIONARY SERMON—T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

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Elder J. L. STEWART ..... Clinton, N. C.

CLERK:

Elder J. L. BRITT ..... Warsaw, N. C.

TREASURER:

W. H. THOMPSON ..... Warsaw, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

D. J. MIDDLETON,	L. R. HIGHSMITH,	J. T. BLAND,
J. W. Lane,	F. A. FENNELL,	A. T. HERRING,
	L. R. Carroll.	

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S. M. CARLTON,	W. C. CARLTON,	J. L. STEWART.

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J. L. STEWART, Clinton.

PROCEEDINGS.

WARSAW, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,
October 9th, 1888.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its 46th Annual Session in the Warsaw Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, from 2 Cor., 8:9.

Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at appointed hour by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder C. Durham. Roll of churches called, and forty-seven out of fifty churches found to be represented.

On motion, Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of N. F. Highsmith, B. S. Montford and J. W. Lane.

The Moderator announced that Elder N. B. Cobb would preach in the Presbyterian Church at 2½ o'clock.

Bro. J. T. Bland and Elder L. M. Curtis were appointed Reading Clerks.

On motion, Committee of Arrangements was appointed. Committee: Elders W. M. Kennedy and G. S. Best, and Deacons of Warsaw Church.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Bethel—W. J. Fryar, M. Ward.
Beulah—W. H. Thomson, C. I. Thomson, F. J. Faison.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, J. L. Boykin.
Berea—T. W. Stallings. R. L. Dickson.
Bethlehem—R. W. Pridgen, D. P. Bland.
Bear Marsh—D. H. Lambert.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson, H. B. Giddens.
Concord—M. Drew, Wm. Brice.
Corinth—J. G. Boon, J. C. Williams.
Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, L. A. Smith, C. Moore.
Caswell—A. B. Rooks.
Dobson's Chapel—W. P. Dobson. S. C. Register, W. H. Murray.
Emma's Chapel—T. J. Baker, W. S. Cox, John Marshburn.
Faison—D. J. Rivenbark, A. Rich. J. W. Lane.
Hallsville—Isaac Sanders.
Haw Bluff—A. W. Andrews.
Island Creek—E. Helett, F. Savage, D. J. Parker.
Johnson's—D. C. Middleton, H. S. Boyette, J. A. Powell.
Kenansville—L. M. Cooper, A. D. Ward, D. J. Middleton.
Lisbon—W. B. Lamb, J. O. Herring, K. Vann.
Mary's Chapel—T. H. Rogers, F. M. Southerland, J. W. Stokes.
Masonboro—J. G. Walton, B. S. Montford, W. V. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—F. P. Alderman.
Mount Gilead—B. Matthews, J. R. Peterson, F. F. Mosely.
Mount Olive—J. F. Oliver, J. Davis.
Mount Holly—I. Carroll.
Magnolia—Levi Moore, P. G. Wilson, H. L. Riter.

New Hope—F. M. Carroll, L. R. Carroll, G. W. Carroll.
Olive Branch—E. W. Manning.
Piney Grove—W. I. Lane. J. A. Weeks, H. E. Brewer.
Poplar Grove—R. R. Bell, Willie Smith, M. W. Clifton.
Rose Hill—D. N. Page.
Riley's Creek—J. T. Walker, S. Blossom.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
Siloam—J. F. Lewis, N. F. Highsmith, F. A. Fennell.
Sharon—J. F. Wallace, Z. Blanchard, J. L. Cottle.
Teachey—H. M. Croom, T. H. Carter, D. W. Bradshaw.
Warsaw—I. Brown, J. K. Smith, O. P. Middleton.
Well's Chapel—J. E. Page, L. K. Taylor, L. R. Highsmith.
Wilmington—J. R. Marshall, Allison Alderman.
Willard—W. F. Bowen, J. E. Johnson.
Brooklyn Br. of Wilmington ch.—J. W. Taylor, W. H. Strickland.
Mount Zion—F. F. Newton.

Salem, Calvin's Creek, Capernaum, Long Creek, and Maple Hill not represented.

Barlow Chapel and Bear Branch represented by letter.

Letters from Concord, Emma's Chapel and Lisbon laid on the table.

Delegates from Wells' Chapel stated that their letter had been prepared and would be here to-morrow.

On motion, their names were recorded as delegates.

The Association then proceeded with the next order of business, which was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator: B. S. Peterson and J. O. Herring; for Clerk, W. B. Lamb and J. R. Marshall; for Treasurer, J. F. Lewis and W. V. Hewlett.

Result: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk; W. H. Thompson elected Treasurer.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching in this house to-night by Elder F. N. Underwood; Association meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, by Elder C. Durham; preaching to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Presbyterian Church, by Dr. John Mitchell; preaching in the Presbyterian Church at 1½ o'clock p. m., by Elder J. W. Powell.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions, Dr. Mitchell, representative of Education Board, Elder F. R. Underwood and Bro. I. Royall, Corresponding Messengers from South River Association, and Elder N. B. Cobb, Corresponding Messenger from Pee Dee and Anson Associations, announced themselves, and were welcomed by the Moderator.

Petitionary letters called for. A letter from Mount Zion was presented, asking for admission into this body. The matter was referred to a committee, consisting of Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best and L. M. Curtis.

On motion, usual committees were appointed.

COMMITTEES.

State Missions—Elder C. Durham, L. K. Taylor and G. W. Carr.
Foreign Missions—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, R. R. Bell and W. J. Fryar.
Ministerial Education—Dr. John Mitchell, D. J. Corbett and D. P. Bland.
Periodicals—Elder J. T. Albritton, B. S. Peterson and D. H. Lambert.
Sunday Schools—Elder F. R. Underwood, W. I. Lane and J. W. Taylor.

Temperance—Elder J. B. Harrell, J. K. Smith and Levi Moore.
Requests—J. L. Boykin, M. W. Clifton. and E. W. Manning.
Home Missions—Elders N. B. Cobb, H. M. Groom and F. M. Southerland.
Obituaries—I. Royall, Elder F. T. Wooten and A. Hollingsworth.
Nominate Executive Committee—O. P. Middleton, K. Vann and Daniel Rivenbark.
Baptist Orphanage—Elders W. M. Kennedy, R. C. Sandling and I. Carroll.
Audit Treasurer's Account—W. H. Thomson and L. R. Highsmith.

Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
On motion, Dr. T. H. Pritchard was appointed to represent us at the Cape Fear Association; Elder W. M. Kennedy to represent us at South River Association, Dr. Pritchard to represent us at Southern Baptist Convention, and the Moderator to represent us at the Baptist State Convention.
On motion adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday, October 10, 1888.

Devotional Exercises, conducted by the Moderator. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
Elder H. J. Duncan, Corresponding Messenger from South River Association, Elder J. D. Newton, representative of Concord Church building, Elders J. F. Love, A. J. Hires and J. T. Albritton, Corresponding Messengers from Atlantic Association, Elder J. W. Wildman, representative of Greenville Memorial Church building, and Elder O. L. Stringfield, Corresponding Messenger from Raleigh Association, announced themselves, and were welcomed by the Moderator.
Committee to whom was referred petitionary letter from Mount Zion reported, recommending the reception of the said church as a member of this body.
On motion it was received, and the Moderator extended right-hand of fellowship to delegate.
Report on State Missions was read, and made special order for 11 o'clock.
Committee on Periodicals reported. Pending adoption of report, remarks were made by Elder W. M. Kennedy, C. Durham, J. W. Powell, N. B. Cobb, J. H. Mills and A. D. Ward.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One great obstruction to our denominational advancement is the meagre supply of religious literature in the homes of our people. To remove this obstruction, we must give greater emphasis to the usefulness of the religious colporter and publisher. The periodical is the cheapest of all agencies for the dissemination of religious knowledge.
We recommend, therefore, earnest and persistent effort to put into every Baptist home the *Biblical Recorder*, *Gospel Herald*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, and the Baptist Sunday-school papers and lesson helps issued from Philadelphia and Atlanta.

We also recommend to our people that excellent paper, *Charity and Children*, published by Bro. J. H. Mills, of Thomasville Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,
B. S. PETERSON,
D. H. LAMBERT,
Committee.

Adopted.

Special order 11 o'clock: Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder C. Durham. Amount of collection for State Missions, $40.55. Roll of churches called and following pledges made to State Missions: Bethel, $10; Beulah, $5; Boykin's Chapel, $5; Berea, $1; Bethlehem, $5; Bear Marsh, $3; Burgaw, $5; Clinton, $5; Concord, $5; Corinth, $5; Caintuck Chapel, $5; Caswell, $2; Dobson's Chapel, $3; Emma's Chapel, $5; Faison, $3; Hallsville, $2; Haw Bluff, $5; Island Creek, $8; Johnson's $10; Kenansville, $10; Lisbon, $6; Mary's Chapel, $6; Masonboro, $5; Moore's Creek, $5; Mount Gilead, $10; Mount Olive, $10; Mount Holly, $5; Magnolia, $6; New Hope, $10; Olive Branch, $2; Piny Grove, $5; Poplar Grove, $2.50; Rose Hill, $5; Riley's Creek, $5; Shiloh, $5; Siloam, $10; Sharon, $2; Teachey, $2.50; Warsaw, $20; Wells' Chapel, $15; Wilmington, $172.12; Willard, $1; Brooklyn, $25; Mount Zion, $1. Individual pledges: L. M. Curtis, $2; J. L. Stewart, $10; J. T. Lewis, $2; F. T. Wooten, $1; F. A. Fennell, $2; O. P. Middleton, $1; D. J. Middleton, $1; T. H. Rogers, 50c.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Missions is life. Anti-missions or omissions is death. The spirit of missions is the spirit of progress, enlargement, consecration, life. He, who having authority gives a command, expects it to be obeyed. Our Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He expects us to obey. Shall we meet or disappoint this expectation? The Dead Sea is properly named—always receiving and never giving. Our faith is the limit of God's power to help us, and of our power to do our God-given work. Let us, in the strength of the Lord, undertake to do more than ever before.

The Board of Missions and Sunday-schools has, during the past year, had eighty-seven missionaries and thirteen colporters. These are located in the destitute towns and country neighborhoods from the sea to Ashe and Alleghany counties.

The Board enlarged its work this year over all preceding years.

To meet the salaries of these men, we shall have to raise more than $1.000 a week from this time to the next session of our Convention in Greensboro. From the church letters it seems that about $160 less has been given to this object by the churches of this Association this year than last year. Can we now, in any way, arrange for this amount? It can be done.

The Board publishes a monthly paper, *The Gospel Herald*, which we think is worthy of support. If in all the families connected with our churches, the contributions to all the objects would be greatly enlarged. Cannot some one in each church take this matter in hand, and make a large club? Will not the pastors see to it?

C. DURHAM,
L. K. TAYLOR,
G. W. CARR,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on Education reported, and pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. John Mitchell and Elder O. L. Stringfield. Cash collection for education, $7.80. Roll of churches was called, and pledges made to education as follows: Bethel, $5; Beulah, $3.50; Boykin's Chapel, $2; Berea, $1; Bethlehem, $3; Bear Marsh, $1; Burgaw, $2.50; Clinton, $5; Concord, $5; Corinth, $2; Caintuck Chapel, $3; Caswell, $1; Dobson's Chapel, $1; Emma's Chapel, $2; Faison, $2; Hallsville, $2; Island Creek, $3; Johnson's, $2; Kenansuille, $5; Lisbon, $2; Mary's Chapel, $5; Masonboro, $2; Moore's Creek, $1; Mount Gilead, $5; Mount Olive, $10; Mount Holly, $2; Magnolia, $3; New Hope, $5; Olive Branch, $1; Piney Grove, $2; Poplar Grove, $1, Riley's Creek, $3; Shiloh, $5; Siloam, $10; Sharon, $1; Teachey, $1; Warsaw, $10; Wells' Chapel, $10; Wilmington, $105; Willard, $1; Brooklyn Branch, $5; Mount Zion, $1.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The increasing interest taken by our people in the subject of education is one of the hopeful signs of the times. Parents are beginning to feel that it is their duty, as far as they are able, to give to their children, boys and girls, a good, thorough practical education, and the facilities for doing it are at hand. Our schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency, and many of them are controlled by our own people, and are commended to your patronage.

Wake Forest College has taken rank among the foremost institutions of the South, and the Baptists have great reason to be proud of their college. The number of students last session reached 213, and it is hoped there will be an increase this session. There are now about 200 in attendance, the largest number ever present so early in the session.

Thirty-two young ministers have been received by the Board of Education, and still others are asking for aid. Would that the contributions from the churches might enable the Board to give aid to all the worthy young ministers who are in need of help. Brethren, help the young preachers in their laudable efforts to prepare thrmselves for the work to which the Lord has called them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,
D. J. CORBETT,
D. P. BLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

In the absence of Elder T. J. Baker, the Moderator appointed in his stead, on temperance, Elder J. B. Harrell.

The Executive Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The destitution within our bounds is still large, and our need of funds to supply the gospel to the people is great. It is sad to note that there seems to be a want of interest in this work on the part of the churches. We believe the cause of this indifference is largely attributable to the want of information among the churches on this subject.

We would recommend that each of the pastors devote one service at each of their churches to giving information to the people on the subject of State Missions.

During the past year, upon our recommendation, aid has been extended to brethren Baker, in Onslow; Sandling, at Teachey's and Willard; Pope, at Burgaw; Melvin, at Sharon, and Kennedy at Hallsville. These brethren have reported to the State Board, and have not made report to us, hence we are unable to give more definite report of the work. We request the missionaries to make quarterly reports to us at the same time they report to the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON.
Chairman Executive Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, Bro. Wildman was heard in the interest of Greenville Memorial Church.

Finance Committe reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received		$491 80
Appropriated as follows:		
State Missions	$ 180 82	
Foreign Missions	135 53	
Ministerial Education	45 77	
Sunday-School Board	3 15	
Minute Fund	55 09	
Baptist Orphanage	37 00	
Home Missions	32 35	
Total		$ 489 71
Balance not appropriated		2 09

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. HIGHSMITH,
B. S. MONTFORD,
J. W. LANE,
Committee.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders C. Durham F. R. Underwood and I. Royall.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee find, on examination, that all the churches of the Association report Sunday-schools except five, and that these five give but little evidence of life or growth.

In connection with the schools reported, there are about 2,500 teachers and scholars.

We deem it needless to urge upon the churches the great importance of this work; but in order to excite greater interest and enthusiasm in it, we recommend that each of the three Unions of the Association call a convention of Sunday-school workers, to meet annually, at such times as may be thought best.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
W. I. LANE,
J. W. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Elder O. Miller, colored, appeared, bearing a letter of fraternal greeting from Kenansville Eastern Association, colored, to this body, and on motion, he was received and welcomed by the Moderator.

Report on Baptist Orphanage was read, and made special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Bro. Newton was heard in the interest of Concord Church building.

A letter from Providence Church, Onslow county, was read, asking for admission into this body.

On motion, the matter was referred to a committee, consisting of Elders R. C. Sandling, L. M. Curtis and J. B. Harrell.

The Association decided to hold next session at Concord, Duplin county.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., is seeking to do for the whole South what our own Mission and Sunday-school Board is doing for North Carolina.

In 1887 they had 251 missionaries under appointment, most of whom labored in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Indian Territory. They have sustained a most successful mission under Bro. Diaz, in Cuba, and have supplemented the salaries of thirteen missionaries and Sunday-school workers in Western North Carolina, beyond the Blue Ridge. They have also undertaken a work among the colored people of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. This Board now publishes Sunday-school lesson helps of every kind, and weekly and monthly periodicals for the children.

The committee recommend the re-appointment of a committee of one in every church to solicit contributions for the Board as heretofore.

N. B. COBB,
H. M. CROOM,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, the delegates were requested to give to the Clerk the name of some person in their respective churches to take charge of Home Mission work.

The following responded: Mount Gilead, J. R. Peterson; Kenansville, Miss Maggie Wallace; Magnolia, A. Hollingsworth; Clinton, Miss Mamie Ashford; Beulah, Mrs. Annie J. Oates.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last session of this Association, Deacons A. M. Faison, J. M. Newton, Benajah C. Weeks and Hosea J. Hobbs, have been called from earth to their eternal home. We present the following obituaries of these brethren:

J. M. NEWTON.

Died at his home in Sampson county, N. C., July 21, 1888, very suddenly and unexpectedly, and apparently in good health, at the age of 66 years. Bro. Newton was a consistent and honored member of the church at Piny Grove. He was received there as a Deacon, as he had been previously ordained to that office in the Church of Mount Zion, and afterwards served as Deacon in the church at Lisbon, from which church he took a letter, and united with the church at Piny Grove. He was a great lover of his church, and strong friend and supporter of his pastor. Having lived an exemplary life, he died with the fullest assurance of a blessed immortality in the great beyond. He was loved not for his means, but for the greatest and purest characteristic of a human life—the gentle, Christ-like spirit.

Sampson county has, in the death of Bro. Newton, lost one of her best characters, Piny Grove Church a good member, the bereaved wife an affectionate husband, eleven children, two of whom are now preaching the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, a kind father. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

BENAJAH C. WEEKS,

Born and raised in Sampson county, N. C., died at the age of 55 years. He joined the church at Piny Grove when he was quite a young man, and in November, 1885, was ordained as Deacon. He was a consistent and honored member of Piny Grove Church for several years. His home was near the church, and was noted alike for happiness and hospitality. In prudence, sound judgment, natural amiability and punctuality in all church work, he was a model member. He was peaceable, cheerful, quiet, forgiving and forbearing, always helpful, and never giving just cause for complaint or unpleasantness. His presence was a comfort and inspiration to the pastor, and an unfailing support and encouragement to the brethren. We will long miss his cheerful smiles, his gentle words and ready help. Thus a good and useful man, a devoted husband and loving father has passed away.

COL. A. M. FAISON,

The honored Treasurer of this Association, and Deacon of the church at Warsaw, has also passed away. He died at Morganton, whither he had gone for medical aid, in September, 1888, aged about 62 years. As a Christian he was liberal, charitable, sacrificing, punctual and prompt in all his duties, always willing to bear his part of the expenses of his church, and ever ready to contribute to all benevolent objects, and a strong friend and advocate of ministerial education. As a citizen he was pure, upright, honest and just in all his dealings. He has often been known to accommodate his neighbors to his own financial injury. As a member of the Legislature and law maker, he had broad and liberal views, anxious to aid in enacting such laws as would bring the greatest good to the greatest number, without oppressing any one. He belonged to that class of persons who are willing to serve their country in whatever position they may be called.

As a husband and father, brother Faison was kind, affectionate and indulgent, always striving to contribute to the comfort and happiness of his family.

We feel that in his death society has lost an exemplary and honored citizen, the church a good, useful and active Christian, and the family an affectionate, devoted and indulgent husband and father.

HOSEA J. HOBBS.

The subject of this sketch died at his home near Clinton, Sampson county, September 29th, 1888, aged about 70 years. When a young man he attended school at Wake Forest College, and while there he made a profession of religion, and was baptized by Dr. Waite. During his whole life he lived up to his profession, always strict in his duties to his church. When Deacon H. J. Hobbs died, the last son—one of the original members of the Church of Clinton—died.

Bro. Hobbs was a very quiet, orderly, humble and unassuming Christian. He was for several years an active member of this Association, and an efficient member of the Executive Board. He was a kind and affectionate

husband and father, and was for many years burdened by heavy afflictions in his family, all of which he bore with a Christian resignation, feeling that God doeth all things well. He leaves a bereaved widow and several children to mourn their loss.

I. ROYALL,
Chairman of Committee.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching in this church to-morrow night by Elder A. J. Hires; at Presbyterian Church by Elder O. L. Stringfield; preaching to-morrow morning at Presbyterian Church by Elder L. M. Curtis.

Brethren M. W. Clifton, J. W. Taylor and E. W. Manning, were given final leave of absence.

On motion, the vote by which Report on Obituaries was adopted was reconsidered, in order that the committee might add to their report. After the addition, the report was adopted.

The Moderator called upon Elder W. M. Kennedy to lead in special prayer in behalf of the widow and daughter of Elder A. Guy.

Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

THURSDAY, October 11th, 1888.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder H. W. Battle. Roll call. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

Roll of churches called, and following pledges made to Foreign Missions: Beulah, $5; Boykin's Chapel, $2; Berea, $1.50; Bethlehem, $5; Bear Marsh, $3; Burgaw, $2.50; Clinton, $5; Caintuck Chapel, $5; Dobson's Chapel, $3; Faison, $1; Hallsville, $2; Island Creek, $8.50; Johnson's, $10; Kenansville, $10; Lisbon, $10; Masonboro, $3; Mount Gilead, $5; Mount Olive, $10; Mount Holly, $2; Magnolia, $2; New Hope, $10; Piny Grove, $5; Poplar Grove, $1.50; Riley's Creek, $3; Siloam, $5; Teachey, $3; Warsaw, $15; Wells' Chapel, $15; Wilmington, $100; Willard, $2; Brooklyn Branch, $25.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Several events of special interest to this cause have occurred during the past year. The first you can mention is the death of our veteran missionary, Dr. M T. Yates, who fell on the field of duty after a faithful service of forty years. North Carolina feels honored in having thus given to this noble cause, not only the ablest man the Southern Baptists ever sent to the foreign field, but perhaps the ablest man America has given to preach the gospel in China.

The second matter of congratulation is the fact that our churches are annually increasing their contributions to this cause.

The third thing for which we should thank God is the spirit that is moving among our young ministers, inducing them to offer themselves as laborers in the foreign field, three having been accepted by the Board at Richmond, brethren Tatum, Britton and Chapel.

But the event of special interest was the holding of a World's Missionary Conference in the city of London last June. Fifteen hundred delegates, representing all Protestant churches, and gathering from all parts of the earth, in the great commercial center of the world, to con-

sider for ten days the great interest of mission work, an event which has been pronounced second in importance to no meeting held since the days of the apostles. The full proceedings of this Conference will be published in ten large volumes, which will contribute the most elaborate and valuable work on missions ever issued from the press. From these volumes it will be seen that greater progress has been made in the foreign field during the past ten years than within the fifty years preceding, and that the aggregate number of trophies now from heathenism to Christianity is not far from three millions of souls.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
R. R. BELL.
W. J. FRYAR,
Committee.

Adopted.

Eleven o'clock special order. The Report on Baptist Orphanage was read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bro. J. H. Mills and Elder H. W. Battle. Cash collection for Orphanage, $2.40.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Lord has inclined the Baptists of North Carolina to build a home for the unfortunate little children. God has greatly blessed this enterprise, inclining the brethren to give of their means, and still we have not done our duty. Let us make a special effort to meet the demands of this noble institution. We urge our brethren to open their hearts of liberality towards these dear children, and to give them the advantage of becoming the bright gems of heaven and lights of joy to the world. These are the children of our brethren, sisters, neighbors and friends. The injunction is to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Brethren, if they remain scattered throughout the borders of our State it will be impossible for us to train them; but under the present system, if the Baptists will give their many mites, they can be properly trained.

As a means of information concerning the Orphanage and its work, we would heartily recommend *Charity and Children*, an excellent little paper published every week at Thomasville. Every person, by paying one dollar, becomes a member of the Orphanage Association, and also receives *Charity and Children*. We recommend that the list of churches be called, and pledges taken.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. SANDLING,
W. M. KENNEDY,
I. CARROLL,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

Evening Session.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is an admitted fact that the excessive use of ardent spirits is among the greatest evils. It is condemned by the Bible, and should be by all of God's people.

While we hope and believe that our churches are beginning to open their eyes to this vice as never before, and are encouraged to believe that it is growing less, yet it is a source of grief that it is still living and tormenting our churches. The one great question for Christians to solve now is. how shall this evil be removed? Legislation against it seems to be at most a failure. But something must be done. As in everything else, we can rely on the help of our Lord. Let us then pray Him to cause those addicted to this vice to cease from it, that the standard of vital godliness may be raised above this and other vices.

J. B. HARRELL,
J. K. SMITH,
LEVI MOORE,
Committee.

Adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petitionary letter from Providence, stated that they had no means of ascertaining anything in regard to the matter, there being no delegate present from the church.

On motion, the letter from Providence was laid on the table, and the Clerk instructed to write to them.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Bro. W. I. Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That whereas, the Committee on Obituaries are often placed in an embarrassing and awkward situation in regard to the desired information to make out their report; we recommend to the churches whenever they wish any notice taken of their deceased members, that they send the obituaries or particulars of their death ready written by their delegates. Adopted.

On motion, the unappropriated balance in report of Finance Comittee was added to the Minute Fund.

Bro. L. R. Highsmith offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the good people of this town and community for the hospitality extended during this session of the Association; also to the Presbyterians for the use of their house of worship. Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $20 for his services.

Elder F. R. Underwood was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard the Missionary Sermon at the next session.

The former Treasurer having died during the year, there was no report of Treasurer.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Concord, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1889.

Immediately after adjournment, by request of the Association, Elder H. rW. Battle preached.

Payer by Elder N. B. Cobb. Benediction by Elder H. W. Battle.

J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT, *Clerk.*

Contributions for all Objects.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	From Ladies' Missionary Society.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel	$ 45 00	$ 3 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 48 00
Bethel	100 00	50 00	1 11	10 00	2 50		1 25		1 50		1 80	168 16
Beulah			3 85	5 00	5 47		3 45		1 50		4 75	24 02
Boykin's Chapel	100 00	7 88		5 58	2 50		60		1 00		56	118 12
Berea	48 00			3 00					1 00			52 60
Bear Branch	50 00			2 00					50			52 50
Bethlehem	100 00	13 50	3 00	4 10	5 00		2 00		1 50		3 71	139 91
Bear Marsh	100 00		1 35		4 90		7 35		1 50			125 10
Burgaw	95 79	4 90		5 00	5 00						7 46	119 60
Brooklyn	375 00	784 40	3 00		25 00			125 00	1 00	100 00		1,423 40
Clinton	150 00	20 00	4 14	10 00	7 50		1 92		1 00		3 00	197 56
Concord	125 00		2 00	5 00	2 50				1 50			136 00
Corinth				5 00	3 00							8 00
Calvin's Creek												
Caintuck Chapel	72 00	50 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00			1 00		2 00	139 00
Capernaum												
Caswell	90 00	10 00	1 00	3 30	3 00				1 00			108 30
Dobson's Chapel	65 00		1 00	3 00	3 00		3 00		75		5 90	81 65
Emma's Chapel	100 00	26 00			3 00		4 00		1 10			134 10
Faison	52 00			2 00	1 00				50			55 50
Hallsville	75 00				1 00		2 30		1 00			79 30
Haw Bluff	75 00			2 30	50	15	30		85		85	79 95

Island Creek	100 00	50	2 55	7 50	9 09		2 00		2 00	3 40	2 00	128 93
Johnson's	100 00		2 00	10 00	10 00		3 00	3 50	1 50		5 00	135 00
Kenansville	125 00		3 13	7 99	13 68			3 18	70		2 93	156 61
Long Creek												
L'sbon	125 00		2 15	10 00	6 00		2 10		93		5 25	151 44
Maple Hill												
Mary's Chapel				7 00	3 50				2 00			12 50
Masonboro	100 00	40 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00		2 00			150 00
Moore's Creek				5 00					80			5 80
Mt. Gilead	125 00		1 68	3 31	4 05		3 95		2 00			140 13
Mt. Olive	250 00	303 30	6 45	10 00	11 27		5 00	59 77	1 00		10 00	656 79
Mt. Holly	75 00			3 50	2 00				1 00		3 48	84 98
Magnolia	100 00	12 00		3 00	3 00				2 10			120 10
Mt. Zion				1 00					1 00			2 00
New Hope	125 00		5 00	15 00	15 00		5 00		1 50	5 00	8 05	178 55
Olive Branch	30 00								2 50			32 50
Piny Grove	100 00		2 00	5 00	8 71		1 00				6 48	124 19
Poplar Grove	75 00	300 00	2 00	2 50	2 50		1 00		1 40		2 25	386 65
Rose Hill	100 00	1 00			1 10				35		25	102 70
Riley's Creek	125 00			5 00	3 50				1 50			135 00
Sharon	42 00			3 00	2 00				1 00			48 00
Salem		5 29										
Shiloh	100 00		5 00	5 00	3 45		5 95		1 00	2 50	5 00	127 90
Siloam	125 00	25 00	5 00	12 50	5 00		3 00		1 50	4 00	9 35	190 35
Teachey	50 00	16 00	1 00	2 50	3 00		1 00	1 00	50		1 00	74 00
Warsaw	250 00	60 00		20 00	15 00		5 00		2 00		10 00	362 00
Wells' Chapel	150 00			15 00	15 00			10 00	1 75		25 00	216 75
Wilmington	2,500 00	685 90	105 00	172 12	129 00		13 00	1,856 68	4 00		35 00	5,531 05
Willard	100 00			2 00	2 00				1 00		2 55	107 55
Total	$6,889 79	$2,468 22	$ 164 41	$ 405 20	$ 348 72	$3 15	$78 17	$2,059 13	$55 09	$ 114 90	$ 163 62	$12,750 40

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	ADDIT'ONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.				No. of copies Recorder taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.		
Barlow Chapel	9	1					16	30		46	2	3d Sunday.
Bethel		3		4	1	2	47	70		117	8	4th Sunday.
Beulah		4	1	1	2		56	61		117	2	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel		5	1	1		5	49	86		135	3	3d Sunday.
Berea		3		1	1		29	50		79		2d Sunday.
Bear Branch	6			1	1	1	24	21		45		4th Sunday.
Bethlehem	21		1			1	50	71		121	3	1st Sunday.
Bear Marsh			1	12	6		37	101		138	3	3d Sunday.
Burgaw		1				1	14	24		38	4	3d Sunday.
Clinton		4					39	58		97	12	3d Sunday.
Concord	11	7		3	1	2	47	78		125	2	1st Sunday.
Corinth			1	5	3	4	45	68		113	4	
*Calvin's Creek							26	26		52		
Caintuck Chap'l	2	3					51	50		101	2	4th Sunday.
*Capernaum							8	24		32		
Caswell							23	26		49	2	1st Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	3	1			1		36	51		87	4	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	1					2	27	47		74	4	1st Sunday.
Faison		6		3		1	5	10		15		2d Sunday.
Hallsville	4		1	2	3	2	36	81		117	1	2d Sunday.
Haw Bluff				1		1	45	74		119		3d Sunday.
Island Creek	7		2	1	3	1	62	110		172	9	1st Sunday.
Johnson's		1		2		3	43	69	10	122	6	1st Sunday.
Kenansville				2		2	38	56		94	10	2d Sunday.
Long Creek							69	87		156		
Lisbon		1		3		3	38	47		85	12	1st Sunday.
*Maple Hill							21	22		43		
Mary's Chapel		1	1	2	1	1	44	56		100	1	4th Sunday.
Masonboro			2	5	4	4	73	90	1	164	2	
Moore's Creek		1				1	32	42		74	4	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	17	3	1	13	3	3	64	96		160	6	4th Sunday.
Mt. Olive	12	2		4	3		35	78		113	11	4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly					1	1	54	99		146	2	2d Sunday.
Magnolia			1	6	5	1	63	131		194	3	4th Sunday.
Mt. Zion	5	6				1	9	9		18		3d Sunday.
New Hope	12		4	3		1	56	117		173	12	2d Sunday.
Olive Branch	7	4					36	45		81		4th Sunday.
Piney Grove				7	1	2	54	86	6	146		2d Sunday.
Poplar Grove	3	6					51	59		110	4	3d Sunday.
Rose Hill				2	4	1	6	17		23		2d Sunday.
Riley's Creek	10	2	1	2		1	54	90		144	10	3d Sunday.
Salem	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	25		29		1st Sunday.
Shiloh	54	2	2	11	4	4	96	146		242	5	3d Sunday.
Siloam	7	17		1		1	32	30		62	10	3d Sunday.
Sharon					4		14	36		50	2	3d Sunday.
Teachey	3	5				1	17	31		48	2	4th Sunday.
Warsaw	40	10	9	6	4	2	94	180		274	10	2d and 4th Su.
Wells' Chapel	18	6	1	19	2	1	85	100		185	12	
Wilmington	71	23	8	8	3	10	179	312		491		2 tim's Sund'y.
Willard	7	4	2	4	5	2	36	42		78	3	4th Sunday.
Brooklyn	37	27			3	2	60	108		168		2 tim's Sund'y.
Total	368	160	41	136	72	73	2229	3523	17	5769	192	

*Taken from last year's Minutes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers and officers.	Scholars.	No. of volumes in the Library.	Average attendance.	No. of months in the year school kept open.
Barlow Chapel	James Andrews, Sloop Point.	7	25		20	12
Bethel	J. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bri'ge.	7	49		30	12
Beulah	L. D. Rogers, Faison.	5	30		15	12
Boykin's Chap'l	J. C. Howard, Clinton.	5	27		20	6
Berea	Jos. Brooks, Wallace.		25		20	
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Caswell.	5	27		15	12
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith.	12	51	110		12
Bear Marsh	R. J. Walker, Mt. Olive.	7	57		40	12
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw.	5	60	24	50	12
Brooklyn	J. W. Taylor, Wilmington.	20	100		89	12
Clinton	Jno. Ashford, Clinton.	14	54	40	40	12
Concord	J. C. Boon, Magnolia.	4	25		15	
Corinth						
Calvin's Creek						
Caintuck Chap'l	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.	8	68	150	45	12
Capernaum						
Caswell	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.	10	65		40	
Dobson's Chap'l	W. H. Murray, Kenansville.	6	30		30	12
Emma's Chap'l	W. M. Barbee, Richlands.	12	60		45	12
Faison						
Hallsville	G. M. Hall, Hallsville.	5	30			12
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder.	5	59		40	8
Island Creek	C. Harrell, Wallace.	4	56		35	9
Johnson's	L. Middleton, Warsaw.	6	60		30	6
Kenansville	A. D. Ward, Kenansville.	6	20		20	12
Long Creek						
Lisbon	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon.	6	50		20	9
Maple Hill						
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville.	4	23		15	12
Masonboro	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington.	7	60	30	40	12
Moore's Creek						
Mt. Gilead	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge.	3	30		20	
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mount Olive.	8	75	75	65	12
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll, South Washington.	7	51		35	12
Magnolia	Miss Mary E. Clute, Magnolia.	8	93		55	12
Mt. Zion	F. F. Newton.	3	28			
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, Warsaw.	3	150			
Olive Branch	W. L. Rogers.	10	80		40	12
Piny Grove	W. I. Lane, Faison.	5	60		30	6
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell, Faison.	6	78	50	34	12
Rose Hill						
Riley's Creek	J. T. Larkins, Long Creek.	5	10		10	12
Sharon	Mrs. Martha Sloan, Chinquepin.	4	51		22	9
Salem						
Shiloh	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.	5	80	100	60	
Siloam	J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store.	5	70		65	12
Teachey	A. F. Bland, Teachey.	4	25		15	12
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.	8	90		65	12
Wells' Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.	10	120		90	12
Wilmington	J. S. Mitchell, Wilmington.	40	280	125	217	12
Willard	D. H. Brinkley.	4	42		25	
Total		308	2524	704	1562	

Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTT OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
BarlowChap'l	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	James Andrews, Sloop Point.
Bethel	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood,	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	F. J. Faison, Elliott.
Boykin's Ch'l,	E. D. Wells, Warsaw	C. D. Peterson, Clinton.
Berea	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store.	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Branch	J. W. Smith, Birdsville	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Casw'l.
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store.	W. C. Keith, Keith.
Bear Marsh	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive.
Burgaw	L. M. Curtis, Clinton	A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Brooklyn	G. M. Tolson, Wilmington	J. H. Yopp, Wilmington.
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	H. J. Hines, Clinton.
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.
Corinth		I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Calvin's Cr'k,		
Caintuck Ch'l	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Capernaum		
Caswell	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell.
Dobson's Ch'l,	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	Thos. Kilpatrick, Cavenaugh,
Emma's Ch'l,	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	G. M. Barbee, Richlands.
Faison	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	J. W. Lane, Faison.
Hallsville	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff	H. M. Croom, Wallace	L. C. Boswell, Colly.
Island Creek,	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	J. M. Wallace, Cavenaugh.
Johnson's	E. D. Wells, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Long Creek		
Lisbon	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood,	O. Blackburn, Ingold.
Maple Hill.		
Mary's Chp'l,	G. S. Best, Kenansville	J. W. Stokes, Kenansville.
Masonboro		B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Cr'k	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	H. E. Peterson, Clinton.
Mt. Olive	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	Thadeus Jones, Mt. Olive.
Mt. Holly	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	Isaiah Carroll, S. Washingt'n.
Magnolia	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	Levi Moore, Warsaw.
Mt. Zion	D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork	Daniel Leonard, Gravel Hill.
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. T. Kennedy, Warsaw.
Olive Branch.		Silas Sneeden, Wrightsville.
Piny Grove	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood,	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Poplar Grove,	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison.
Rose Hill	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	J. H. Foyles, Tar Landing.
Riley's Creek,	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. L. Larkins, Long Creek.
Sharon	W. A. Melvine, Harrell's St're	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh.
Salem		J. D. Coughton, Snead's F'ry.
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store,	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.
Siloam	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's St.
Teachey	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	M. W. Teachey, Teachey.
Warsaw		Jas. K. Smith, Warsaw.
Wells' Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store,	L. D. Highsmith, Bland.
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	G. W. Woodcock.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalites.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn. to amend, to commit, to postpone to a

definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall co-operate with the State Board in the superintendence of the Mission work within the bounds of our Association, and during the interval of the meeting of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, and make an annnal report of their work to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

L. R. C

J. T. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Concord, Duplin Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 8, 9 and 10, 1889.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING—Riley's Creek, Pender Co., N. C.
TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1890.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder O. P. Meeks.
MISSIONARY SERMON—Elder C. E. Gower.

CLINTON, N. C.:
THE CAUCASIAN JOB OFFICE.
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

ELDER J. L. STEWART.....Clinton, N. C.

CLERK:

ELDER J. L. BRITT.....Turkey, N. C.

TREASURER:

S. M. CARLTON,.....Warsaw, N. C.

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T. H. PRITCHARD, Wilmington.	O. P. MEEKS, Warsaw.
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O. M. MATTHEWS, Clinton.	F. T. WOOTEN, Chester, Pa.

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J. T. Alderman

PROCEEDINGS.

CONCORD CHURCH, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,
October 8th, 1889.

The Eastern Association met in its 47th Annual Session in the Concord Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. R. Underwood, from Col., 1:18.

Adjourned for dinner.

Association called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder O. P. Meeks. The Moderator announced that there would be preaching at the stand in ten minutes by Elder J. S. Dill.

On motion, Finance Committee was appointed. Committee: D. J. Corbett, F. A. Fennell and C. E. Daniel.

On motion, Committee of Arrangement was appointed. Committee: Elder R. C. Sandling, Bro. J. L. Boykin and Deacons of this Church.

J. T. Bland and L. K. Taylor were appointed Reading Clerks.

Roll of Churches called, letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Barlow Chapel—J. B. Barlow.
Bethel—H. J. Page, B. H. Rogers, D. C. Johnson.
Beulah—L. D. Rogers, W. H. Thomson.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, J. L. Boykin, Horace Boykin.
Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, D. J. Corbett, Jr.
Burgaw—J. W. Bowen, J. T. Bland.
Bear Marsh—W. G. Stroud, R. J. Walker.
Brooklyn—W. H. Strickland, M. McIvans.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
Concord—J. C. Boon.
Corinth—I. J. Johnson, J. C. Williams, J. G. Fussell.
Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell—A. B. Rooks.
Dobson's Chapel—S. C. Register, Stephen Brock, W. P. Dobson.
Emma's Chapel—G. M. Barbee, John Lockamy.
Ebenezer—W. Tatum, J. L. Peterson.
Faison—D. J. Rivenbark.
Hallsville—L. H. Sanderson, C. F. Southerland.
Haw Bluff—Albert Andrews.
Hermon—T. W. Britt.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, J. M. Wallace, A. B. Mallard.
Johnson's—Theo. Middleton, M. J. Carlton, A. W. Carlton.
Lisbon—W. S. Johnson, Willie Herring, W. D. Kelly.
Maple Hill—K. F. Powers, C. E. James, E. P. Powers.
Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland.
Masonboro—A. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—H. S. Alderman.
Mount Gilead—B. Mathews, I. M. Powell, H. E. Peterson.
Mount Olive—O. Sumerlin, C. E. Gower,
Mount Holly—I. Carroll, John Croom.
Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, H. L. Ritter, A. Hollingsworth.
Mount Zion—F. F. Newton.
New Hope—M. J. Rivenbark, C. E. Daniel, J. T. Kennedy.

Piney Grove—W. I. Lane, J. H. Brewer, T. J. Wilson.
Poplar Grove—R. R. Bell, Henry Herring.
Rose Hill—T. J. Jarman.
Riley's Creek—W. B. Hocutt, J. T. Walker, T. G. Woodcock.
Shiloah—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
Siloam—N. F. Highsmith, E. J. Page, F. A. Fennell.
Sharon—W. D. Brock.
Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson, J. W. Green.
Teachey—H. M. Croom, T. H. Carter.
Warsaw—O. P. Meeks, S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, L. K. Taylor, D. C. Rogers.
Willard—G. W. Woodcock.
Wilmington—T. H. Pritchard.

Berea, Colvin's Creek, Kenansville, and Long Creek were represented by letter.

Letters from Lisbon, Dobson's Chapel and Emma's Chapel asking for the next session of the Association, were laid on the table.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9½ o'clock, a. m., conducted by Elder. H. M. Croom; preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock, by Elder C. E Gower; Missionary Sermon by Dr. T. H. Pritchard at 11 o'clock in the house; preaching at the stand at 2½ o'clock p m., by Elder C. Durham.

Election of officers for ensuing year. Result: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk; S. M. Carlton elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for. Letters from Spring Vale, Hermon and Ebenezer were presented and read and, on motion, they were received as members of this body. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from the Churches received.

On motion of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, the usual committees were appointed.

COMMITTEES.

State Missions—Elder C. Durham, R. R. Bell, B. Matthews.
Foreign Missions—Elder J. T. Albritton, C. F. Southerland, E Heldt.
Ministerial Education—Dr. Jno. Mitchell, Theo. Middleton, F. M Southerland.
Periodicals—Elder J. A. Speight, I. Carroll, I. Herring.
Sunday-schools—Elder O. P. Meeks, S. M. Carlton, W. S. Johnson, H. E. Peterson.
Temperance—Elder C. E. Gower. C. E. James, H. S. Alderman.
Requests—Elders G. S. Best and J. B. Barlow and O. Sumerlin.
Home Missions—Elder J. S. Dill, J. W Johnson, O. Blackburn.
Obituaries—Elder W. M. Kennedy, T. J. Jarman, F. F. Newton.
Nominate Executive Committee—Elders G. S. Best, J. B Barlow, H. M. Croom
Baptist Orphanage—Elders T. H. Pritchard, F. R. Underwood, B. S. Peterson.
Audit Treasurer's Account—N. F. Highsmith, A. F. Robinson, J. T. Kennedy.
Nominate Preachers for Next Session—Elder H. M. Croom; A. Hewlett, T. W. Britt.

On motion, the report on State Missions and report of Executive Committee were made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

On motion, report on Education was made special order for 2 o'clock to-morrow, and Home Missions was made the special order immediately after the conclusion of the report on Education.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention; Elder J. A. Speight Associate, Editor of *Biblical Recorder*; Elder J. S. Dill, Representative of Home Mission Board; Dr. John Mitchell, Representative of Education Board, and J. T. Albritton, Corresponding Messenger from Atlantic Association, announced themselves, and were welcomed by the Moderator. A motion was made to amend articles 3 and 5 of the Constitution. On motion the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, C. E. Gower and N. F. Highsmith.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr Mitchell,

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, October 9th, 1889.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder H. M. Croom. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Letter from Warsaw presented and read. Ten o'clock—special order. Report on State Missions was read by Elder C. Durham. Report of Executive Committee was read by Bro. L. R. Highsmith. Pending motion to adopt report on State Missions, remarks were made by Elder C. Durham. On motion, a collection was taken for State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

All that has been done, all that is now being done, and all that will be done to give the gospel to the destitute of our State, has been, is now, and will properly be called State Missions. This is true whether the work has been done under the appointment of our State Board, an Association, a local church, or undertaken independently without appointment by any human action. For more than one hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions, and we are glad to report that never in all these years has this work been so large, so hopeful, or so satisfactory in its results as now. This year we have ninety-one Missionaries and fifteen Colporters at work in the destitute section of our State. These self sacrificing men are located in the destitute villages and country neighborhoods from the sea to beyond the mountains.

We recommend:

1. That the pastors keep their people well informed about the growth, the needs, and the prospects of State Missions.
2. That pastors and people be requested to pray the Lord to bless this work even more in the future than in the past.
3. That the churches be urged to give more largely to the support of State Missions than ever before in the history of our denominational work.

C. DURHAM,
B. MATTHEWS,
R. R. BELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, report of Committee of Arrangements was reconsidered On motion of Elder C. E. Gower, Dr. T. H. Pritchard preached the Missionary Sermon at the stand. Text: Ex. 17:15.

Evening Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Two o'clock—special order. Report on Education was read by Dr. Jno. Mitchell. Report on Home Missions was read by Elder J. S. Dill. Pending motion to adopt report on Education, remarks were made by Dr. Mitchell.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

God has been pleased to call, for the most part, poor men to the work of the ministry. The blessed Jesus did this, while on earth, and then prepared them for the work to which he had called them. His people have, in some measure, followed his example in this work. During the last session thirty-six poor young ministers were aided by the Board of Education at Wake Forest College.

The number received this session is thirty-one. We hope to be able to receive others later. There are two from the Eastern Association, Brethren A. A. Butler and C D Peterson. These seem to be worthy young brethren, and give promise of usefulnes. The Board has been compelled to decline, for lack of funds, a number of applications for aid.

Would that the means furnished, might enable the Board to receive all the worthy young ministers who apply for help. Brethren, for Christ's sake, let us help the Lord's poor ministers who are struggling to prepare themselves for the work to which He has called them.

JOHN MITCHELL,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
THEODORE MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Pending motion to adopt report on Home Missions, remarks were made by Elder J. S. Dill.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary. Rev. A. G. McManaway, Charlotte, N. C., is Vice-President for North Carolina. The Board is occupied with mission work in and adjacent to the Southern States. It has work in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Western North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia, and also in the Indian Territory and Cuba.

They have employed 328 missionaries and received from the churches $69,000 during the last year.

The work has received signal proofs of divine favor. There have been organized during the past year 328 Baptist Churches and by baptism and letter have received in connection with their work 8,402 members.

The work in Cuba continues with increased power, and there is no field under the care of the Southern Baptists so full of promise and so marked with divine approval.

The Home Board publishes in Atlanta, Ga., the *Home Field*, as its organ, to set forth its special work, and also furnishes a full line of Sunday-school literature, and these we can commend to the churches.

In view of the growing magnitude of this great work and its increasing needs, your committee recommends:

1. That this work be more earnestly pressed upon the attention of the churches by the pastors.

2. That, in accordance with the resolution passed at our last State Convention, we call upon the churches of this Association to make pledges for this work as for other denominational enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. DILL,
O. BLACKBURN,
J. W. SWINSON,
Committee

Adopted,

Letter from Riley's Creek was presented, read and referred to Committee on Requests. On motion, report of Executive Committee was made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock, and the report on Foreign Missions was made special order for 11 o'clock. Letters from Lisbon, Dobson's Chapel, Emma's Chapel were taken from the table and referred to Committee on Requests.

On motion, any brother from among us attending any sister Association, was authorized to represent us.

Elders D. T. Best and W. F. B. Kornegay, colored brethren from the Kenansville Eastern Association, presented themselves and were invited to seats on the floor of the Association.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock to-morrow conducted by Bro. Cary Rogers; Association convene at 10 o'clock; preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock by Elder C. E. Gower; preaching at the stand at 2 o'clock by Elder H. M. Croom.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Elder H. M. Croom. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Special order—Report of Executive Committee read. Pending motion to adopt the report remarks were made by Brethren J. T. Bland, J. H. Mills and Dr. Pritchard.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In the hope of better supplying the vast destitution within our borders, this body, in 1886, turned over the principal part of the work formerly done by this Committee to the State Mission Board. But the wants of the destitution are still great and pressing, and all along our eastern border the cry for the Gospel comes up and your Committee has been unable to supply this great need.

We feel that the work within the bounds of our own Association needs and requires for its successful prosecution, the expenditure of more money even, than is contributed by the churches of the body. While in fact and in truth, the amount actually expended in supplying said destitution, is much less than the amount contributed by the churches for this object. Upon our recommendation aid has been extended by the State Mission Board as follows:

To Bro. Melvin at Sharon	$25.00
To Bro. Sandling at Willard and Teacheys	50.00
To Bro. Gower at Faisons	40.00

The latter alone having made report to us.

We would urge upon the churches the importance and great necessity of more enlarged efforts in this department of Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. HIGHSMITH,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder J. T. Albritton. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders O. P. Meeks and T. H. Pritchard.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our duty with regard to the evangelization of the world lies in concentric circles. The command of the Savior is to preach the Gospel of repentance and remission of sin among all nations, beginning at home. With home

as a centre, we are to work outwardly in every direction, where can be found heathen darkness or corrupt Christianity.

The mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention lie in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America.

The Italian Missions are under the supervision of Brethren Geo. B. Taylor and J. H. Eager, who have as co-workers twelve Italian pastors and evangelists, besides a number of colporters.

The North China Mission reports two churches, which are self-sustaining, two Main Stations, at which churches will probably be organized in the near future, and twenty-two Out Stations.

The Central China Mission reports four churches, whose contributions last year amounted to $276.60. This mission has twelve missionaries—six males and six females—beside four ordained and unpaid native preachers.

The South China Mission has seven American missionaries—two males and five females—to which number there will soon be added three others. Twenty natives assist in the work. This mission contributed last year $563.97—over $1.00 per member.

Japan is one of the most promising mission fields of the Convention. Brethren McCullom, of Alabama, and Brunson, of South Carolina, with their wives, are expected to sail for Japan in the early Fall.

Brethren David, Eubank and Smith and their wives have been working in Africa several years. Brother C. C. Newton, wife and daughter, from this State, and Brother W. T. Lumbley and wife, of Mississippi, have gone to reinforce the mission force of Africa.

Our work in Brazil is progressing under the labors of our missionaries. We have there five churches and several Out Stations. The death of Sister Maggie Rice is a sad loss to us, but her work will be taken up by Sister Emma Morton, of Missouri.

Brother W. D. Powell and his co-workers are moving grandly forward in Mexico. Our work in this country extend into four States and is rapidly enlarging under the labors of our twenty missionaries, aided by more than this number of native assistants. At the last Convention, this mission reported nineteen churches, and a large number of Out Stations. The Female Institute is full to overflowing, and the Male School is rapidly filling up.

The opening and enlarging fields call for more laborers and more funds. We should esteem it a privilege to respond to this call.

God in his providence emphatically calls upon the Baptists of North Carolina to go far in advance of all past efforts in promoting the Foreign Missionary enterprise, inasmuch as he has been pleased to send in the foreign fields thirty representatives of our beloved State.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
E. HELDT,
C. F. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, roll of churches was called and pledges made to State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Ministerial Educations as follows.

	State Miss.	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Min. Edu.
Bethel	$ 8 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$ 4 00
Beulah	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 50
Boykin's Chapel	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50
Bethlehem	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
Bear Marsh	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50
Burgaw	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50
Brooklyn	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50
Clinton	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00

	State Miss.	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Min. Edu
Concord	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50
Corinth	2 00	1 50	3 00	1 50
Caintuck Chapel	5 00	3 00	2 50	5 00
Caswell	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Dobson's Chapel	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00
Emma's Chapel	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Faison	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Hallsville	3 00	.....	3 00	.....
Haw Bluff	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00
Island Creek	8 00	2 00	8 50	5 00
Johnson's	2 50	2 50	2 50	5 00
Lisbon	7 00	3 00	8 00	2 00
Mary's Chapel	5 00	.....	5 00	.....
Masonboro'	3 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Mt. Gilead	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Mt. Olive	10 00	7 00	10 00	5 00
Mt. Holly	3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Magnolia	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Mt. Zion	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00
New Hope	6 00	4 00	6 00	4 00
Piney Grove	5 00	.....	5 00	2 50
Poplar Grove	2 50	2 50	2 00	1 00
Rose Hill	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Riley's Creek	4 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
Sharon	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00
Siloam	5 00	2 50	2 00	2 50
Teachey	2 50	1 50	3 00	1 00
Warsaw	15 00	10 00	15 00	10 00
Well's Chapel	10 00	5 00	10 00	15 00
Wilmington	225 00	50 00	100 00	50 00
Willard	2 00	1 50	3 00	2 00
Ebenezer	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Herman	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Spring Vale	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Mrs. Dr. Mosely	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Total	$ 402 00	$ 150 00	$ 256 00	$166 00

Report on Periodicals was read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elder J. A. Speight.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would report that in view of the tendency of the age to read, that our churches cannot be too active in putting in the hands of all our people religious literature. To this end we commend the *Bibical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina. The *Recorder* is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit, and elevated in tone. We urge the members of our churches to subscribe for the paper and read it. The *Kind Words* publications are good and so are *Charity* and *Children*, and *Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal*.

J. A. SPEIGHT,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
ISAAC HERRING,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on Requests reported, recommending that next session be held with the Church at Riley's Creek. Report adopted.

Committee on Baptist Orphanage reported. Report laid on the table.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report: That in order to awaken a deeper interest in the Sunday School work among our churches and promote Sunday School Missions in the destitute sections of our bounds, we recommend that we call a delegation from our Sunday Schools to meet Friday before third Sunday in April next, to organize an Eastern Baptist Sunday School Association, to convene annually. We further recommend that the Colporteur and Orphanage work be also considered by said Association. We recommend that your body now designate a committee to issue a call and locate place of said meeting.

O. P. MEEKS,
W. S. JOHNSON,
S. M. CARLTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee to issue a call and locate place of Sunday School Association —Elders O. P. Meeks, C. E. Gower and S. M. Carlton.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See first page.]

Committee on Revision of Constitution reported as follows :—

We recommend that Article 2 be so amended as to read—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled, in conference.

2nd. We recommend that Article 5th remain as it is.

3rd. Believing it to be the desire of this body to co-operate with the State Convention, and at the same time to control the Mission work in her bounds, we recommend lastly, that Article 9th be so amended as to read —The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable, in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session.

Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said Committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. PRITCHARD,
C. E. GOWER,
N. F. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion report on Orphanage was taken from the table. Pending motion to adopt the Association repaired to the stand in order that all might hear Brother J. H. Mills upon the subject of Baptist Orphanage.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Committee on the Orphanage at Thomasville beg leave to state that the institution is prospering and seems to increase in favor of God and man.

It now has buildings sufficient to accommodate four families of twenty-four children each, though there are actually present one hundred and thirteen. A nursery for children under eight years of age is now in process of construction, which will meet the demands of the situation for the immediate future. There are built a chapel for church and Sunday school services, and a printing office, where the organ of the institution, *Charity and Children*, is published. No money is needed just now for buildings, but contributions of money, food and clothing are always acceptable, as the children are entirely dependent for their daily food and raiment upon the liberality of the churches. It can be readily seen that as these demands are constant and must be met without delay there should be a continuous supply coming in from all parts of the State, and your committee would therefore earnestly recommend that each church of the Association be requested to take up a collection for the Orphanage once a year and each Sunday School a collection once a month.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. PRITCHARD,
F. R. UNDERWOOD,
B. S. PETERSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

*A collection was taken for the orphans.

The amounts of none of the collections were reported to the clerk.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School reported as follows: At a meeting of the Trustees of the School on the 20th day of July, 1889, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Warsaw High School believe that it was the intention and expectation of the Baptist of the Eastern Association in the founding of this school to establish an institution of high grade for the education of their children, to be controlled and managed in the interest and under the auspices of said Association, and

Whereas, Owing to the loss of the house by fire and other causes not essential to be enumerated, the said Trustees find themselves without the means of supplying suitable teachers and carrying on said school in conformity to said original plan and policy, and whereas we believe that said original object, purposes and expectations can now be more nearly attained and carried out by giving to our brother, L. R. Carroll, sole control and management of said school and its property, nowt herefore, be it

Resolved, By the said Board of Trustees, that in consideration of the premises, that the entire control and management of said School and all its said property be turned over to and the same is hereby committed into the hands of the said L. R. Carroll, to be held, used and controlled by him, the said L. R. Carroll, during and so long as the said L. R. Carroll shall maintain a school on said premises of high grade, and of such character as shall conform to the original purposes and design as herein before indicated and satisfactory to the Association, said Carroll to keep the house on said premises insured against fire and up to its present state of repair, but have no right to sell or convey to any third party any interest in said property.

Brother Carroll has secured the services of Prof. F. L. Merritt, a recent A. M. graduate of Wake Forrest College, as principal of the school. He is a young man of fine attainments, indomitable energy and unyielding perseverance, and with a faithful and thoroughly competent corps of assistant teachers, we feel assured that the school will fully maintain its former standard of efficiency and usefulness. Brother Carroll invites criticism and respectfully solicits your patronage, not because of denominational relations simply, but upon the principles of economy, efficiency and merit.

Respectfully submitted,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received		$578 09
Appropriated as follows:—		
State Missions	$234 98	
Foreign Missions	150 00	
Ministerial Education	75 00	
Sunday School Board	2 31	
Minute Fund	43 85	
North African Missions	5 02	
Baptist Orphanage	36 93	
Home Missions	30 00	
Total		$578 09

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. CORBETT,
F. A. FENNELL,
C. E. DANIEL,
Committee.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

"Temperance in all things" is an injunction of the Holy Ghost.

We understand Temperance to mean moderation in the use of that which is necessary and total abstinence from the use of that which is unnecessary and hurtful. Does anybody think and say that the fiery fluid is good in its place? We reply, well, yes, it may be; but its place is a high shelf in the apothecary shop, along with arsenic, strychnine, and other poisons good in their places, but to be handled with care.

If to this any brother replies, I can eat and drink without injury to my self, to such we would commend the instructions and argument of Paul in I Corinthians, 8th chapter, tersely expressed in his conclusion—"If meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I cause my brother to offend."

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. GOWER,
C. E. JAMES,
H. S. ALDERMAN,
Committee.

The following brethren were appointed to represent us in the Baptist State Convention, viz:—Elders C. E. Gower and W. M. Kennedy, and brethren S. M. Carlton, N. F. Highsmith, and J. T. Bland.

Treasurer reported as follows:

CONCORD, Duplin County, N. C., Oct. 10, 1889.

W. H. Thomson, Treasurer of Eastern Association, in account 1888-89.

Dr. to amount received from all sources $541 15

Creditor.

By amount paid C. Durham	$392 40	
" " " J. H. Mills	37 00	
" " " Jno. Mitchell	53 57	
" " " Clerk of Association	17 72	
" " " For printing and postage	40 46	
Total		$541 15

We the auditing committee have examined the above report and find it correct

Respectfully subitted,

N. F. HIGHSMITH,
A. F. ROBINSON,
J. T. KENNEDY,

Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that so far as we know all the ministers of the Association are still living, and so far as we know are able to be with us at our present session. But we are pained to learn that Jesse W. Lane, a prominent member of Faison church, and also for many years a prominent member of the Executive Committee, has gone to his reward since our last meeting. We are sorry to say that your committee have not the desired data from which to prepare an extended notice of this most valued member.

The church at Dobson's Chapel mourns the loss of the memorable Daniel Bostick and Sister Ellen Killpatrick, the wife of Brother Thomas Killapatrick; also Sister Emma Herring, and a beloved daughter of Brother P. G. Dobson has passed away. Sister Sallie Taylor, a very useful member of this—Concord—church, has gone to rest. Also Brother Nathan King, of Poplar Grove church, and Sister Rebecca E. Hines, of Faison church: have died since our last meeting. We regret that we could not say more than merely mention the names of our beloved brethren and sisters whose names appear in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
T. J. JARMAN,
F. F. NEWTON,

Committee.

Committee to nominate preachers for next session reported as follows: To preach the introductory sermon, Elder O. P. Meeks; Missionary sermon, Elder C. E. Gower.

On motion the clerk was allowed usual fee for his services.

On motion the treasurer was ordered to pay over all moneys in his hands to proper persons to receive them.

The following passed: *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the people of this community for the hospitality extended during this session of the Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Riley's Creek, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1890.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. L. BRITT, *Clerk*, J. L. STEWART, *Moderator*.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. School Board.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund	Fr'm Ladies Mis. So'ty's	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel	50 00	17 85	.....	3 00	1 41	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	73 26
Bethel	100 00	18 75	6 00	10 00	1 08	....	50	15 80	1 00	.....	5 30	157 44
Beulah	75 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	....	7 48	.....	1 00	.....	2 50	95 98
Boykin's Chapel	85 00	12 25	3 70	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	120 95
Berea	48 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	52 00
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	100 00	14 00	5 00	5 00	9 00	.....	2 00	25 00	1 25	.....	6 09	167 34
Bear Marsh	100 00	.....	1 50	3 50	3 00	.....	2 55	2 00	1 50	.....	5 00	119 05
Burgaw	100 00	18 15	2 50	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	128 65
Brooklyn	600 00	576 90	5 00	10 00	10 00	....	.....	23 50	.....	.....	.....	1,225 49
Clinton	300 00	25 00	5 41	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 08	345 49
Concord	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	....	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	10 83
Corinth	70 00	.....	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 00
Colvin's Creek	37 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	60	.....	1 00	45 60
Caintuck Ch'pel	72 00	.....	5 00	12 00	5 00	2 31	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	97 56
Capernium	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell	60 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	....	.....	4 39	50	.....	1 25	69 64
Dobson's Chapel	60 00	.....	1 00	3 25	3 25	.....	1 00	.....	75	.....	5 37	75 37
Ebenezer	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	....	.....	16 00	1 00	.....	.....	20 00
Emma's Chapel	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	....	.....	.....	50	.....	50	8 00
Faison	60 00	.....	2 00	3 33	1 25	....	2 00	.....	50	.....	.....	69 08
Hallsville	50 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 60	.....	1 00	.....	.....	55 60
Haw Bluff	60 00	.....	.....	5 00	45	....	41	.....	80	.....	2 00	68 66
Hermon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	100 00	.....	3 00	8 00	8 50	.....	2 02	.....	2 00	3 57	3 35	130 44
Johnson's	100 00	.....	2 00	10 70	10 00	.....	3 00	10 00	1 50	.....	5 00	142 20
Kenansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	75 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 62	.....	.....	96 62
Libson	125 00	80 25	2 00	6 00	10 00	.....	.....	47 00	70	.....	3 75	267 95
Maple Hill	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	....	.....	.....	25	....	.....	2 25
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	11 00
Masonboro	100 00	60 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 50	....	3 00	177 50
Moore's Creek	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Mt. Gilead	125 00	.....	3 56	3 34	6 24	.....	2 76	3 60	1 50	19 16	.....	171 16
Mt. Olive	225 00	41 20	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	7 05	30 00	1 05	.....	3 50	337 82
Mt. Holly	75 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	85 00
Magnolia	75 00	50 00	2 10	2 25	2 20	.....	.....	12 00	60	.....	.....	144 15
Mt. Zion	50 00	.....	1 00	1 00	58	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	52 98
New Hope	125 00	.....	4 40	7 61	8 40	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	146 41
Olive Branch	50 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	53 00
Piney Grove	100 00	30 00	2 00	5 00	3 85	.....	.....	1 21	1 00	.....	1 16	144 22
Poplar Grove	75 00	90 00	1 00	1 75	1 50	.....	70	.....	75	.....	.....	170 70
Rose Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	1 35	.....	75	.....	.....	3 00
Riley's Creek	125 00	.....	3 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	137 50
Sharon	42 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 25	47 25
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	111 00	.....	5 00	5 00	8 16	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	7 00	137 16
Siloam	125 00	346 70	10 00	10 00	5 00	....	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	15 00	518 20
Spring Vale	100 00	28 25	1 45	2 00	6 42	.....	1 00	.....	1 50	.....	3 77	144 39
Teachey	50 00	.....	1 00	2 50	3 00	....	1 23	.....	.....	.....	1 00	58 73
Warsaw	300 00	25 00	6 00	20 00	14 00	.....	2 75	10 00	.....	.....	12 00	389 75
Wells chapel	150 00	150 00	10 88	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	184 96	1 50	.....	17 10	578 05
Wilmington	2 500 00	1,082 94	194 00	124 60	44 85	.....	37 00	2,184 20	4 00	.....	145 00	6,470 96
Willard	80 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	3 32	88 57
Total	7,011 00	2,692 26	313 50	358 33	254 54	2 31	85 40	2,549 66	49 35	22 73	261 04	13,6

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.				No. of Copies Recorder taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.				Males. White	Females. White	Colored.	Total.		
Barlow Chapel	12	4				1	26	34		60	1	Third Sunday.
Bethel	10				4	2	47	73		120		4th "
Beulah			1	5	2		48	57		105	4	1st "
Boykin's Chapel	7	4		14			44	84		128	3	3rd "
Berea		1		3	2	1	27	47		74		2nd "
*Bear Branch							24	21		45		
Bethlehem	27	5				2	70	83		153		1st "
Bear Marsh	4	1		1	4	2	37	96		133		3rd "
Burgaw		3		2			14	24		38		4th "
Brooklyn	7	23		2	2	4	69	107		176		2 times "
Clinton	18	16		2		3	50	73		123		1st and 3rd "
Concord				2		1	42	70		112		
Corinth		2	1	2	1	2	44	67		111		4th "
Colvins Creek	1						24	26		50		2nd "
Caintuck Chapel		2		4	1		49	49		98	2	4th "
Capernium												
Caswell	6			2	2		24	30		54		4th "
Dobson's Chapel	2	6		1		3	37	52		89		4th "
Ebenezer		3		2			26	26		52		
Emma's Chapel	1				1	2	28	49		77		
Faison		4			1	2	4	10		14		3rd "
Hallsville	2	1		1	1	1	34	79		113		1st "
Haw Bluff		1		3	2	1	43	69		112		3rd "
Hermon				2			19	21		40		2nd "
Island Creek		1	1	8	2	4	58	1 02		160	8	1st "
Johnson's	2		1	4	1	2	42	66	10	118	7	1st "
Kenansville				8		4	31	51		82		
Long Creek	1	1		5	2		64	63		127		1st "
Lisbon	12		1	6		1	41	54		95	10	1st "
Maple Hill							11	8		19		
Mary's Church	14	1		4	2	2	44	61		105		4th "
Masonboro	7	1	1	4	18	3	48	73		121		1st "
Moores Creek							32	42		74		
Mt. Gilead		1				1	60	108		168	8	4th "
Mt. Olive	5	8	3	6	6		35	83		118		4th "
Mt. Holly		1		1			52	90		142		2nd "
Magnolia	2	9	3	5	3		60	138		198		2nd "
Mt. Zion	3	3					11	12		23	2	3rd "
New Hope		1	1	2		2	87	113		200	8	2nd "
Olive Branch	3	2		4	3	2	29	34		63		2nd and 4th "
Piney Grove	13			16	1	1	51	80		131		1st "
Poplar Grove						2	50	57		107	4	3rd "
Rose Hill				1		3	5	14		19		2nd "
Riley's Creek	7	3		2		4	56	80		136		3rd "
Sharon	3	2		6	2		17	31		48		3rd "
*Salem							4	25		29		
Shiloh	13		2	14	3	5	97	147		244	5	3rd "
Siloam	3	28		3		1	43	46		89	8	3rd "
Spring Vale	5	23		4			23	38		71		2nd "
Teachey		2		3			18	29		47		4th "
Warsaw	13	18	5	13	6		104	145		249		2nd and 4th "
Well's Chapel	28	9	1	3	1	2	96	113		209		2nd "
Wilmington	7	12	1	21	21	11	169	289		458	45	2 times "
Willard	4	1	2	5		1	36	38		74	2	4th "
Total	242	202	24	194	94	78	2,298	3,432	10	5,730	117	

Taken from last year's Minutes.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. of months in year S. kept open
Barlow Chapel	Austin Moore, Sloop Point	6	55	.....	50	12
Bethel	J. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge	6	45	.....	.....	.....
Beulah	F. J. Faison, Elliott	3	15	.....	10	12
Boykin's Chp'l	C. D. Peterson	3	22	.....	22	12
Berea	Joseph Brooks, Wallace.	3	20	.....	.....	.....
Bear Branch		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith	10	126	100	.....	.....
Bear Marsh		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	5	45	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn	J. W. Taylor, Wilmington	19	125	.....	.....	12
Clinton	H. J. Hines, Clinton	14	66	40	.....	12
Concord	J. D. Wells, Magnolia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	N. Boon, Wallace	2	18	.....	8	12
Calvin's Creek	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell	5	46	60	.....	.....
Caintuck Ch	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore	8	68	150	45	12
Capernaum		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell	6	74	.....	.....	.....
Dobson's Ch	W. H. Murray, Kenansville	6	54	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith Coharie	4	20	.....	16	.....
Emma's Ch	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	6	50	.....	.....	.....
Faison		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallsville	G. M. Hall, Hallsville	4	20	.....	.....	.....
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder	7	60	.....	.....	.....
Herman	Giles Clute, Clinton	4	25	.....	.....	12
Island Creek	C. Harrell, Teachy	3	44	.....	16	9
Johnson's	T. M. Moore, Warsaw	6	60	.....	40	9
Kenansville	A. D. Ward, Kenansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	J. W. Moore, Long Creek	2	35	50	.....	12
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run	9	50	.....	35	9
Maple Hill		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Church	J. H. Dobson, Warsaw	6	27	.....	.....	.....
Masonboro	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington	6	35	40	.....	.....
Moore's Creek		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Mosely, Taylor's Bridge	4	25	.....	15	12
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	9	76	100	.....	12
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll, South Washington	6	64	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia	Miss Mary Clute, Magnolia	11	95	95	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	F. F. Newton, Gravel Hill	2	22	.....	20	12
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, Turkey	18	115	.....	75	12
Olive Branch	W. L. Rogers, Wrightsville	5	68	50	.....	.....
Piney Grove	W. I. Lane, Faison	.....	30	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Grove	W. H. Darden, Faison	5	78	50	25	12
Rose Hill		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkin's, Long Creek	7	70	.....	.....	.....
Sharon	Frank Sloan, Chinquepin	3	20	.....	.....	.....
Salem		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek	6	80	100	65	12
Siloam	F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store	4	56	.....	50	12
Spring Vale	J. W. Green, Ingold	3	56	30	.....	.....
Teachey	A. F. Bland, Teachy	4	25	.....	.....	.....
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	7	60	.....	.....	12
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	10	106	100	.....	.....
Wilmington	J. S. Allen, Wilmington	36	.....	.....	260	12
Willar d	W. F, Bowen, Willard.	3	40	.....		12
					20	
Total		298	2291	965		

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Barlow Church	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point	A. W. King, Sloop Point
Bethel	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store	M. H. Oates, Taylor's B'dge
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Turkey	W. H. Thompson, Turkey
Boykin's Ch	J. L. Britt; Turkey	W. H. Boykin; Clinton
Berea	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	J. A. Southerland, Wallace
Bear Branch		
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Chester, Pa	W. C. Keith, Keith
Bear Marsh	J. F. Albritton, Mt. Olive	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive
Burgaw	D. C. Rogers, Harrell's Store	J. D. Hocut, Ashton
Brooklyn	A. A. Scruggs, Wilmington	J. L. Yopp, Wilmington
Clinton	O. P. Meeks, Warsaw	H. J. Hines, Clinton
Concord		W. A. Moore, Magnolia
Corinth	J. L. Britt, Turkey	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill
Calvin's Creek	J. P. Faison Harrell's Store	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell
Caintuck Ch	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore
Capernium		
Caswell	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell
Dobson's Ch		Thos, Killpatrick, Cavenaugh
Ebenezer	T. M. Leary, Coharie	R. Highsmith, Coharie
Emma's Ch		G. M. Barbee, Richlands
Faison	C. E. Gower, Mt. Olive	W. E. Faison, Faison
Hallsville	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh
Haw Bluff	H. M. Croom, Wallace	L. C. Boswell, Colly
Hermon	J. L. Britt, Turkey	C. E. Shipp, Clinton
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	J. M. Wallace, Cavenaugh
Johnson's	C. E. Gower, " "	L. Middleton, Warsaw
Kenansville		D. J. Middleton, Warsaw
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point	W. D. Bordeaux, Long Cr'k
Lisbon	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon
Maple Hill		K. F. Powers, Maple Hill
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	J. W. Stokes, Kenansville
Masonboro	H. M. Croom, Wallace	B. S. Montford, Wilmington
Moore's Creek		C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	H. E. Peterson, Clinton
Mt. Olive	C. E. Gower, Mt. Olive	Thadeus Jones, Mt. Olive
Mt. Holly	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point	Isaiah Carroll, S Washingt'n
Magnolia	W. M. Kennedy, Wilmington	Levi Moore, Warsaw
Mt. Zion	D S. Bullard, Clay Fork	Dan'l Leonard, Gravel Hill
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs
Olive Branch	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	Silas Sneedon, Wrightsville
Piney Grove	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood	H. E. Brewer, Faison
Poplar Grove	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	W. D. Stevens, Faison
Rose Hill		J. H. Foyles, Tar Landing
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Wilmington	J. T. Larkins, Rocky Point
Sharon	W. A. Melvin, Harrel's Store	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh
Salem		
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Chester, Pa	S. B. Costin, Moore's Creek
Siloam	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St'r	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's S
Spring Vale	" " " " "	O. Blackburn, Ingold
Teachey	" " " " "	M. W. Teachy, Teachy
Warsaw	O P. Meeks, Warsaw	J. K. Smith, Warsaw
Well's Ghapel	F. T. Wooten, Chester, Pa	L. D. Highsmith, Bland
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, D. D., W'l'm	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Willard	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Stor'	G. W. Woodcock, S. W'h't'n

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant; and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a

definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and, during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Riley's Creek, Pender Co., N, C.,

OCTOBER 7th, 8th and 9th, 1890.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING—Dobson's Chapel, Duplin County, N. C.
TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1891.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder O. P. Meeks.
MISSIONARY SERMON—Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Association met in its *[illegible]th Annual Session with the church at Riley's Creek.

In the absence of Rev. O. P. Meeks, appointee of last session, at the request of the Moderator, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford, N. C., preached the Introductory Sermon—Text: Acts 28:22.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises, the Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Stewart, Moderator of last session, and on motion, J. T. Bland was elected Clerk *pro tem.*, Rev. J. L. Britt, Clerk, being absent.

On motion brethren D. L. Gore, F. A. Fennell, and C. E. Daniel were appointed Finance Committee; and Revs. W. E. Crocker and H. M. Croom requested to act as Reading Clerks.

Roll of Churches called, letters read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Barlow Chapel—Rev. J. B. Barlow.
Bethel—W. J. Frazier.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, T. J. Blackburn, O. L. Herring.
Berea—T. W. Stallings.
Bear Branch—J. M. Malpass, F. J. Moore, O. B. Malpass.
Bethlehem—R. W. Pridgen, W. B. Hunt.
Burgaw—J. D. Hocut, J. W. Bowen, J. T. Bland.
Caswell—Wm. Malpass, A. B. Rooks, J. G. Parker.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, A. D. Williamson.
Concord—J. C. Boon.
Calvin's Creek—I. Cane, J. L. Harrell.
Caintuck Chapel—F. P. Flynn.
Dobson Chapel—W. B. Hawes.
Ebenezer—W. R. Highsmith.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, D. J. Parker.
Johnson's—Leonidas Middleton.
Kenansville—D. J. Middleton.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, C. H. Pigford, L. D. Cherry.
Lisbon—W. S. Johnson.
Mary's Chapel—J. H. Dobson, G. S. Best.
Masonboro—B. S. Montfort.
Mount Olive—W. E. Crocker, O. Summerlin.
Mount Gilead—B. Mathews, J. J. Vann, Erskine Williamson.
Mount Holly—B Carroll, J. J. Brown, I. Carroll.
New Hope—C. E. Daniel.
Olive Branch—J. T. Hancock, Columbus Williamson.
Poplar Grove—Henry Herring.
Rose Hill—D. N. Page.
Riley's Creek—W. W. Larkins, W. B. Hocut, S. Blossom.
Sharon—W. D. Brock.
Shiloh—Boney Wells.
Siloam—F. A. Fennell, J. L. Jones.
Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson, J. C. Robinson, Kedar Vann.
Teachey's—M. W. Teachey, H. M. Croom.

*See second day's Proceeding

Warsaw—S. M. Carleton, D. L. Gavin.
Wells Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, J. W. Lee, F. T. Wooten.
Wilmington—S. G. Hall, P. B. Manning, D. L. Gore.
Willard—John E. Johnson.

The following Churches were represented by letter only: Beulah, Corinth, Emma's Chapel, Haw Bluff, Herman, Hallsville and Piney Grove.

The letter from Colvin's Creek, setting forth the death of her pastor Rev. J. P. Faison, and also the letters from Dobson's Chapel and Emma's Chapel inviting this body to meet with their churches, were on motion laid on the table.

On motion a committee of Arrangments was appointed, consisting of the deacons of Riley's Creek Church and brethren G. A. Herring and J. L. Boykin.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Result; Rev. J. L. Stewart, Moderator; J. T. Bland, Clerk, S. M. Carleton, Treasurer.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS—PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Letters from Catharine Lake and Jacksonville Churches were presented asking membership in the body. Letters read and on motion were referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. T. Albritton, Dr. T. H. Pritchard and S. G. Hall.

On motion the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee on the work of the Board for the relief of our superanuated ministers, in addition to the usual committee.

On motion the report of the committee on Foreign Missions was made special order for to-morrow morning immediately ensuing the hour for report on State Missions.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following:

State Missions –Dr. C. Durham, W. B. Hawes, Erskine Williamson.
Foreign Missions—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, B. Matthews, G. A. Herring.
Ministerial Education—Rev. C. A. Jenkins, J. J. Vann, O. Summerlin.
Periodicals—Rev. J. T. Albritton, A. F. Robinson, L. R. Highsmith.
Sunday School—Rev. O. P. Meeks, S. M. Carleton, B. S. Montfort.
Temperance—Rev. J. B. Barlow, M. W. Teachey, Alfred Hollingsworth.
Requests—L. R. Highsmith, A. D. Williamson, John E. Johnson.
Home Missions –Rev. F. T. Wooten, S. G. Hall, W. J. Frazier.
Obituaries—Rev. G. S. Best, Rev. H. M. Croom, I. Carrol.
Nominate Executive Committee—J. L. Boykin, K. Vann, D. J. Middleton.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. M. C. Walton, J. T. Hancock, D. N. Page.
Audit Treasurer's Account—B. F. Keith, Jr., W. W. Larkins, Henry Herring.
Nominate Preachers for Next Session—J. H. Dobson, L. M. Boykin, W. R. Highsmith.
Ministers' Relief—P. B. Manning, B. Carroll, Leonidas Middleton.

Committee of Arrangements report appointments as follows:

Association meet at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Religious exercises conducted by Bro. S. M. Carleton. Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock by Dr. C. Durham. Preaching at stand at 2 o'clock, p. m., by Rev. W. E. Crocker.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Walton.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Bro. S. M. Carleton.

Moderator called Association to order. Roll called and proceedings of yesterday read.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Albritton a correction was made in the numbering of the Annual Session of this body, this being the 47th session and the correction ordered.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body by the Moderator. Rev. C. A. Jenkins of Flat River Association, Dr. C. Durham, Secretary of the State Mission Board, and Rev. J. T. Albritton of the Atlantic Association reported themselves.

Report on the Executive Committee being the first order of business was read by Bro. J. T. Bland, and in connection with it the report on State Missions, read by Dr. C. Durham.

Pending a motion to adopt the reports, effective speeches made by Rev. A. T. Howell, Dr. C. Durham, Rev. O. P. Meeks and Rev. R. E. Peele.

Rev. R. E. Peele offered an amendment to the report on State Missions as follows: That the Association request the Executive Committee to apportion the one thousand dollars recommended in the report among the churches of the Association and ask them to try and raise the amount. The report on State Missions as amended and the report of Executive Committee were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The work of State Missions within the bounds of our Association during the past year has been more encouraging than for several years past, but the needs are still great and pressing and the call is upon us for more enlarged efforts to supply the vast destitution.

During the year we have had four missionaries employed at least part of their time. At Burgaw Rev. D. C. Rodgers has been aided, and the interests at this point and in the surrounding country seems encouraging. Congregations are good and ten members have been added to the church by baptism. Rev. J. B. Barlow has been aided at Barlow Chapel and the good hand of the Lord seems to have been with him. Five members have been added by baptism.

Since March last Rev. A. T. Howell has been laboring on the Onslow field, preaching at Enon, Kellum's school house, Jacksonville, Rose Hill, Catharine Lake and Maple Hill. (Emma's Chapel has now come into this field.) He reports two churches organized, one at Jacksonville with thirteen members and one at Catharine Lake with nineteen members. He also reports twenty-one baptisms on the field and three houses of worship begun. At Catharine Lake they have a lot and lumber on the ground, and one hundred dollars raised for building. At Jacksonville they have sixty-five dollars, and at Maple Hill they have in cash and good pledges about two hundred dollars raised for building.

Rev. R. E. Peele has been laboring at Brooklyn in Wilmington and the reports are very encouraging. The church reports eighteen additions by baptism. At this point the work is so extensive that another man is an absolute necessity in order to do the work now needed.

We would recommend the employment of a Colporter to travel in the Association and to spend a large part of his time aiding Bro. Howell on the Onslow field.

D. J. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our Convention in Henderson last November said to our Board of Missions that we ought to undertake greater things than ever before, and urged that we arrange our mission work this year on the financial basis of

$15,000. The Board has therefore appointed a larger number of missionaries this year than ever before in our history. The Convention also asked the different Associations to try to secure this year for State Missions definite amounts. This Association was asked to try to secure $700 for State Missions. According to the reports in the church letters read yesterday the Association has given for this work the past year $433. The other Associations so far as heard from have come up to the amounts asked for by the Convention. What will this Association do with this $267 yet lacking? We recommend that the Association try to secure this amount before the Convention. This can be easly done if each pastor and church will do what they can.

We recommend that this Association try to secure one thousand dollars for State Missions for the next year's work, and that the Association request the Executive Committee to apportion said amount among the churches and ask them to try to raise the amount.

C. DURHAM,
For Committee.

Special order. Report on Foreign Missions. Report read by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

Pending a motion to adopt the Association repaired to the stand to hear the Missionary sermon preached by Dr. C. Durham. Text—Mat. 28: 18, 19, 20. At conclusion collection taken amounting to $20.38. Report adopted.

On motion recess for dinner.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Missions are located in Mexico, North, Central and Southern China, Italy, Brazil and Japan, and also in Central Africa.

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

This is one of our most important, hopeful and successful missions. We have sixteen churches organized there and a number of promising stations. We have 18 missionaries, 8 native helpers and 3 colporters at work. There are 117 pupils reported in the schools. During the past year some 75 persons have been baptized and the present membership is about 600. This mission cost the Board during the past year $20,479.86. Several thousand dollars were raised at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention to build a church in Zocoticos, a city of 70,000 inhabitants. The great leader of this mission, the heroic Powell, is now taking a vacation in Europe and Palestine after years of arduous labor.

CHINA MISSIONS.

These are in South east China, at Canton and vicinity; in Central China at Shanghai, where our own Herring is stationed, in Chin Kiong, Soo Chow where our own brother Bryan is located, and in North-east China, at Tung Chow, Pingtoo and the surrounding country. Missionaries, native and foreign, number 69 churches and stations, 28; baptisms, 79; members, 753; schools, 12 with 250 pupils; contributions, $840.57. This mission cost during the year $25,918 23.

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

There are at present connected with this work sixteen missionaries. There are twelve stations, with a membership of about 400. The total cost of sustaining this mission during the past year was $15,688.92.

BRAZILIAN MISSIONS.

During the past year there were thirty seven baptisms on the field; the membership is 229 churches, 4; contributions, $1,375.00; native helpers, 5. The board expended $18,972.00. Last year a church at Bahia was purchased at a cost of $1,400.00, $1,000 of which was given by the poor saints

at this place. A good church is much needed at Rio de Janeiro. Brazil is fully opened to the preaching of the gospel and our Board is the only Baptist organization at work there.

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

One in every respect qualified to judge. Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., says "the Goverban Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention is the most successful one ever organized in Africa." The following statistics will show the present condition of the field: Churches and stations, 5; missionaries, 13; baptisms, 6; members, 79; pupils 165. Expended on this field last year, $7,637.25.

JAPAN MISSIONS.

The empire of Japan comprising a group of four thousand islands with a population of 50,000,000 people, offers a most promising field of labor. There are many things to aid the Missionary in that country. The people are anxious to hear the Gospel. The Bible has been translated for them, and the people are progressive, having adopted many customs of Western nations. Our Board has appointed two young men to this field, J. W. McCallum of Alabama and J. A. Branson of South Carolina. These men and their wives and are now on the field and should have our sympathies and prayers. The Board has appointed within the past year and a half forty additional missionaries, and it is a fact that should excite our prayers and stimulate our liberality that there are more laborers in the foreign field from North Carolina than any other Southern State.

The report of the Board showed receipts for the past year amounting to about $100,000.00. The enlargement of the work calls for enlarged expeditions and the Board asks the churches for $150,000 for the current year

Your committee is glad to note the increased interest in this great enterprise on the part of other denominations, notably the Methodists and Presbyterians who by their liberality are setting us an example worthy of imitation.

In view of the above considerations the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That all of our pastors be requested to preach one sermon at least each year on Foreign Missions.
2. That they encourage the formation of Women's Missionary Societies.
3. That we attempt to secure in pledges to be paid during the year at least six hundred dollars for this cause.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
GEO. A. HERRING,
B. MATHEWS,
Committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letter of Bear Marsh Church read and delegate R. J. Walker enrolled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

The Committee appointed to consider the applications of the churches at Jacksonville and Catharine Lake beg leave to report that they find that the churches were properly organized, and recommend their reception as constituent members of this body.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
S. G. HALL,
Committee.

Report adopted and the Moderator, on behalf of the body, extends to the delegates of the churches the right hand of fellowship and the names of the delegates enrolled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee to nominate Executive Committee recommend the appointment of the following members:

For Eastern Division—D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, J. A. Powell.

For Western Division—F. A. Fennell, L. R. Highsmith, C. E. Daniel.

For Southern Division—J. T. Bland, D. J. Corbett, D. L. Gore.

J. L. BOYKIN,
K. VANN,
D. J. MIDDLETON.
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We rejoice in the increased interest our people are taking both in ministerial and general education, and yet we deplore the fact that many of our churches are practically indifferent to the educational needs of the day. As the prosperity of the Baptists of North Carolina is due, in no small degree, to the culture of our ministers, it is a cause of gratitude to the Master that our own Wake Forest has opened its present session with a larger number of students than ever before in its history. Nearly 200 have matriculated and out of this number some thirty-five or forty are asking aid of the Education Board. Inasmuch as God. in his providence, usually calls poor young men to the ministry, it becomes us to contribute liberally and regularly to their support.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That this Association try to secure $2,000 towards the enlarged endowment of Wake Forest College on the Bostwick proposition.

Resolved 2nd. That a committee of five, viz: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, brethren J. T. Bland, D. L. Gore, O. P. Meeks and F. T. Wooten be appointed to aid Dr. C. E. Taylor in securing the above amount.

C. A. JENKINS,
O. SUMMERLIN,
J. J. VANN,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt remarks are made by Revs. C. A. Jenkins, C. Durham, R. E. Peele and T. H. Pritchard.

On motion roll of churches is called and the following pledges made to Ministerial Education : Bethel, $4.00; Boykin's Chapel, $3.00; Bethlehem, $3.00; Bear Marsh, $3.25; Burgaw, $3.00; Brooklyn, $5.00; Clinton, $6.00; Concord, $4.00; Caintuck Chapel, $3.00; Caswell, $1.25; Dobson's Chapel, $3.00; Emma's Chapel, $2.00; Island Creek, $3.00; Johnson's, $3.00; Lisbon, $5.00; Mary's Chapel, $3.50; Masonboro, $2.50; Mt. Gilead, $10.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; Mt. Holly, $2.00; New Hope, $4.00; Poplar Grove, $1.00; Riley's Creek, $3.00; Sharon, $1.50; Siloam, $3.00; Teachey's, $1.25; Warsaw, $10.00; Wells Chapel, $10.00; Wilmington, $75 00; Willard, $1.00; Ebenezer, $1.00; Spring Vale, $3.00; Kenansville, $5.00; Long Creek, $2.00; Berea, $1.00; Olive Branch, $2.00; Colvin's Creek, $1.00. Total, $198.75.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee report that in their judgment, a sound, conservative sentiment on the temperance question prevails more generally within the bounds of this Association to-day than at any period of its former history. For this we are profoundly grateful to the Head of the church.

We do earnestly recommend to the several churches belonging to this Association that they have read to their people the Church Covenant in

which they solemnly engage to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

J. B BARLOW,
M. W. TEACHEY.
ALFRED HOLLINGSWORTH,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion letters from Dobson's Chapel and Emma's Chapel were taken from the table and referred to the committee on Requests, also the letter from Colvin's Creek taken from the table and referred to committee on Obituaries.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that in accordance with the instruction of your body to the committee designated last year a meeting was called at Clinton on 2nd Friday in April and an organization of the Eastern Baptist Sunday School Association was duly effected. This Sunday School Association thus starts out under favorable auspices and with due sanction from you. It is to meet annually on 2nd Friday in April. In accordance with the instruction of your body the Colporter work and Orphanage support has specially been undertaken by the Sunday Schools of our churches. The Sunday School Association has employed Bro. J. H. Dobson under sanction of State Mission Board as Colporter within our bounds. He is to begin work among us at once, at a salary of $18.00 per month to be raised by our Sunday Schools, in addition to commissions on sale of books allowed him by the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

O. P. MEEKS,
S. M. CARLETON,
B. S. MONTFORD,
Committee.

Adopted.

Permanent leave of absence granted brethren D. L. Gore, W. R. Highsmith, J. W. Malpass, O. P. Meeks and J. W. Lee.

Report of committee on Baptist Orphanage read and on motion made special order for first hour to-morrow morning.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Any family or church that does not patronize its own denominational literature is evidently at great disadvantage. Without this literature they can neither be well informed concerning their denominational enterprises or distinctive principles, nor creditably interested in their advancement.

We know of no better means for increasing interest and effort in our general work than the wider circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children* and *Our Home Field*. We recommend to our Sunday Schools the *Kind Words* publications, as good as any published.

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. F. ROBINSON,
Committee.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and adopted.

Committee of Arrangement's reports. Religious exercises at 9:30 o'clock a. m., conducted by Rev. G. S. Best. Preaching at stand at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. E. Peele to-morrow.

Moderator appoints corresponding delegates as follows: To South River Association, Rev. G. S. Best. To Cape Fear Association, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. F. T. Wooten.

On motion the Treasurer is instructed to pay over to the Clerk the entire minute fund and that the Clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. F. T. Wooten.

THIRD DAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. S. Best. Roll called and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation to visiting brethren. Rev. H. B. Humphrey, of Cedar Creek Association, reported himself and was welcomed by the Moderator.

SPECIAL ORDER—BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The committee on the Orphanage at Thomasville beg leave to report progress. There are now 130 orphan children being cared for at this institution. They have just finished their new building for small children and will soon finish other buildings. We are glad to state that this institution is now out of debt so far as your committee can learn.

We heartily commend the work of the noble institution to the attention of our brethren everywhere in the bounds of the Association.

M. C. WALTON,
J. T HANCOCK,
D. N. PAGE,
Committee.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and Rev. J. T. Albritton. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee on The Aged Minister's Relief Board make the following report.

For the first time in the history of the Baptist State Convention it has attempted to do something for aged ministers. There is a weighty responsibility resting upon us to do something, and what we do, to do well. We cannot let this duty—a debt of common gratitude—go longer unperformed. It is a debt we owe both to these ministers and God who raised them up, that peace and happiness should crown a life of usefulness. We cannot suffer want to come to God's aged servants. We recommend

1st. That in the preparation of the blanks for the reports of the churches an item shall be inserted providing for regular and systematic contributions from the churches for this object.

2nd. That each church shall appoint an active member, man or woman, who shall look after the raising of these funds and through whom the Board can communicate with the churches.

P. B. MANNING,
L. MIDDLETON,
I. CARROLL,
Committee.

Report discussed by brethren P. B. Manning, J. H. Dobson and Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

Pending a motion to adopt roll of churches is called and the following pledges are made for this object, and the name of a member of each church is given to the Corresponding Secretary to look after the work:

Bethel, $2.50; Bethlehem, $2.50; Bear Marsh, $2.00; Brooklyn, $20.00; Caintuck Chapel, $4.00; Dobson's Chapel, $2.00; Island Creek, $2.00; Johnson's, $2 00; Mary's Chapel, $2.00; Mt. Holly, $1.00; Poplar Grove, $1.50; Riley's Creek, $1.00; Siloam, $5.00; Wells Chapel, $5.00; Wilmington, $81.51; Long Creek, $2.00; Shiloh, $2.50; Spring Vale, $1.00. Total $139.51.

On motion Brother Alfred Hollingsworth, delegate from Magnolia, is recognized and enrolled. The letter of the church having, by some oversight, failed to reach him.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent up with letters	$566.27
Appropriated as follows:	
For State Missions	$161.95
" Foreign "	145.43
" Home "	64.93
" Education	81.66
" Baptist Orphanage	46.99
" Minute Fund	51.39
" Ministers Relief Fund	9.05
" Sunday School Board	4.87
Total	$566.27

We find that other amounts have been collected during the year and forwarded directly to the Treasurer of the Convention by the churches and reported in the Letters making a total of between $850 and $1,000, contributed by our churches to all the objects of the Convention during the year.

D. L. GORE,
F. A. FENNELL,
C. E. DANIEL,
Committee.

Rev. W. E. Crocker states that he has a letter from Rev. D. W. Herring, Missionary at Shanghai, China, to the Eastern Association. On motion the rules are suspended and the letter read by brother Crocker. On motion Dr. T. H. Pritchard is requested to answer the letter for and on behalf of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. M. Carlton, Treasurer Eastern Association, in account 1889–90:

To amount received from Finance Committee, 1889,	$578.09
Paid out for State Missions	$234.98
" " " Foreign "	150.00
" " " Home "	30.00
" " " Ministerial Education	75.00
" " " S. S. Board	2.31
" " " Minute Fund	43.82
" " " North African Mission	5.02
" " " Baptist Orphanage	36.93
Total	$578.09

S. M. CARLTON, Treas. Eastern Association.

We your committee to audit the treasurer's accounts report that we have examined his accounts and vouchers and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. KEITH, JR.,
HENRY HERRING,
W. W. LARKINS,
Committee.

Leave of absence granted bro. R. J. Walker of Bear Marsh, and bro. Johnson of Lisbon. Preaching at stand by bro. Peele.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Alanta, Ga. The object of this Board is to do mission work in and adjacent to the Southern States. It is co-operating with the various State Boards in meeting the great destitution in our Southlands. It has work in Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Western North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, and also in Indian Territory and Cuba. It has a force 328 missionaries whose labors are being gloriously blessed.

Conversions and newly organized churches and Sunday Schools are constantly being reported. The work in Cuba is worthy our attention. The outlook there was never so hopeful. The reports of bro. Diaz are encouraging and stimulating. All his labors seem to meet with divine favor. The *Home Field* is published in Atlanta under the direction of the Board and in connection with this the Board furnishes a line of Sunday School literature, and these we can commend to the churhes.

In consideration of the growing importance of this work your committee recommends—

1. That this work be more carefully ard prayerfully considered both by pastors and people.

2. That pastors bring the matter before their people and earnestly press upon them the importance of contributing to its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. WOOTEN,
S. G. HALL,
W. J. FRYAR,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year the angel reaper with his silent, unerring footsteps has been among our churches and removed several of our much loved and useful brethren from the scenes and activities of this life to the eternity of rewards.

Rev. Julian P. Faison, for many years a sound, faithful and earnest exponent of gospel doctrine and pastor of churches belonging to this body departed this life July 3rd, 1890, in the comfortable hope of a blissful immortality. Between thirty and forty years he faithfully served his Master in preaching the everlasting gospel, through evil as well as good report, and often at great personal sacrifice, and when suffering great bodily afflictions, he faltered not but held high the banner of the cross. He was qualified for his life work by the intellectual training received at the State University and the spirit and grace of God. He was about sixty-three years of age. Your committee regrets that want of time and accurate data prevents them from giving a more extended sketch of his work.

Mount Holly Church mourns the loss of Deacon James Brown and sister R. J. Carroll, two of her useful, consistent and faithful members. Both had grown old in the Master's service and their beautiful consistent lives are a precious heritage to the Church, serving as beacon lights pointing to the better life.

Hermon church has been bereaved by the loss of that exceedingly liberal member and active Sunday School worker brother Giles Clute, who died August, 1890. For a long time during his last days he was a great sufferer and thereby prevented from active service; but he patiently and uncomplainingly endured his afflictions until the Lord's will concerning him was accomplished.

Beulah church on June 10th, 1890, lost a valuable member and deacon in the death of bro. W. H. Faison. He was baptized by Elder David Thompson about forty years ago and during all this time he had been an earnest advocate of everything that had for its object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. He combined strong convictions with tender sympathies in his character and was ever ready to hear and help the needy to the extent of his ability.

Bro. W. L. Vann, a faithful, liberal and promising young member of Spring Vale church died June 28th, and thereby his church lost a valuable and hopeful member.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. BEST,
H. M. CROOM,
I. CARROLL,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt Report on Obituaries,—some tender remarks on the life and character of Rev. J. P. Faison, were made by brethren T. H. Pritchard, F. T. Wooten, B. F. Keith, Jr., and H. M. Croom.

Committee on requests report, recommending Dobson's Chapel as the place for the next session of this body. Adopted.

Under the head of report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society, on motion a committee consisting of the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Stewart, Chairman, and L. R. Carroll and P. B. Manning is appointed to investigate and report at our next session the amount and present status of the fund.

On motion the Clerk is allowed $15.00 for his services to be paid by Treasurer.

Committee to nominate preachers for the next session reports as follows: To preach Introductory sermon, Rev. O. P. Meeks; Missionary sermon, Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

On motion a standing committee on Obituaries for the ensuing year is appointed consisting of Revs. J. T. Albritton, L. R. Highsmith and R. J. Highsmith.

On motion collection is taken up to aid Catharine Lake church in building a house of worship. Amount $9.50.

Collection at stand for State Missions reported $6.27. Report of Executive Committee apportioning among the churches the $1,000.00 for State Missions adopted and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes.

Resolution of thanks to the church and community for hospitalities and courtesies. Adopted.

On motion Treasurer is ordered to pay over all moneys in his hands to the proper persons entitled to receive them.

On motion adjourned to meet at Dobson's Chapel on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1891.

Song—"Hide Thou Me." Benediction by Moderator.

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator.*

J. T. BLAND, *Clerk.*

Report of Executive Committee apportioning among the churches the $1,000.00 recommended in the report on State Missions and adopted. The committee hereby requests the churches to raise the amounts suggested in this report and more if possible:

Barlow Chapel, $5.00; Bethel, $15.00; Beulah, $10.00; Boykins Chapel, $12.50; Berea, $3.00; Bear Branch, $2.00; Bethlehem, $15 00; Bear Marsh, $7 50; Burgaw, $10.00; Brooklyn, $50.00; Clinton, $25.00; Concord, $12.50; Corinth, $7.50; Colvins Creek, $2.00; Caintuck Chapel, $17.50; Caswell, $7.50; Dobson's Chapel, $10.00; Ebenezer, $7.50; Emma's Chapel, $10.00; Hallsville, $3.00; Haw Bluff, $10.00; Hermon, $2.00; Island Creek, $12.00; Johnson's, $12.00; Kenansville, $10.00; Long Creek, $7.50; Lisbon, $15.00; Maple Hill, $2.50; Mary's Chapel, $7.50; Masonboro. $10.00; Moore's Creek, $7.50; Mt. Gilead, $15.00; Mt. Olive, $20.00; Mt. Holly, $7.50; Magnolia, $7.50; Mt. Zion, $2.50; New Hope, $20.00; Olive Branch, $3.00; Piney Grove, $10.00; Poplar Grove, $5.00; Rose Hill, $5.00; Riley's Creek, $12.-50; Sharon, $5.00; Salem, $2.00; Shiloh, $12.50; Siloam, $10.00; Spring Vale, $10.00; Teacheys, $5.00; Warsaw, $25 00; Wells Chapel, $25.00; Wilmington, $400.00; Willard, $5.00; Jacksonville, $2.50; Catharine Lake, $5.00. Total from churches, $943.50; from Union Meetings, at least, $36.50. Total, $1,000.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	S. School Board.	Baptist Orphanage	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Woman's Mis. Soc.	Other Objects.	Total.
Barlow Chapel		2 00	2 45				1 00	50 00				55 45
Bethel	4 00	8 00	2 00	3 00			1 00	100 00	28 00		26 85	172 85
Beulah	2 50	4 00	3 00	3 00			1 00	75 00				88 50
Boykin's Ch'pel	2 50	2 50	3 05	2 50		1 69	1 00	72 00			4 00	89 24
Berea	1 00	1 00	1 00				75	48 00				51 75
Bear Branch		1 00		2 00			50	50 00				53 50
Bethlehem	7 00	5 00	10 00			5 60	1 50	100 00	10 00			139 10
Bear Marsh	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 50			1 50	100 00				118 00
Burgaw	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50			1 25	100 00	30 03		16 00	157 28
Brooklyn	5 00		5 00	5 00				720 00	274 49		5 00	1014 49
Clinton	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00			2 00	300 00				332 00
Concord	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50		1 76	1 00	100 00				112 76
Corinth	1 50	2 00	3 00	1 50		1 64	50	70 00				80 14
Colvin's Creek		1 93					60	36 00				38 53
Caintuck Ch'pel	10 00	10 00	4 25	2 50		2 00	1 25	80 00				110 00
Capernaum												
Caswell	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	62	1 00	75	60 00				66 37
Catharine Lake		3 00					50					3 50
Dobson's Ch'pel		3 00	3 00	3 00		3 68	1 00	100 00	2 00			115 68
Ebenezer	64	2 16	2 44	1 10		2 08	80	72 00	24 00			105 22
Emma's Chapel	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00			1 00	100 00	5 00			114 00
Faison												
Hallsville	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		45	80	50 00				55 25
Haw Bluff	2 00	3 00	50	2 00		50	1 00	60 00	188 70			257 70
Hermon		1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	30					4 30
Island Creek	5 00	8 00	11 20	2 00		2 16	2 00	100 00	360 00			490 36
Johnson's	2 74	7 50	7 50	2 60		3 85	1 50	100 00				125 70
Jacksonville												
Kenansville	5 33	5 33	5 34				1 10	100 00				117 10
Long Creek			5 00	1 10				75 00	4 84		2 65	88 59
Lisbon	2 72	7 00	8 00	3 00		3 62	65	125 00	75 00			224 99
Maple Hill												
Mary's Chapel		6 75	1 00			2 00	1 00		8 30			19 05
Masonboro	1 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	2 50	3 00	1 50	100 00	80 00			201 00
Moore's Creek												
Mt. Gilead	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00		2 20	1 50	125 00	1 00	18 60		178 30
Mt. Olive	2 73	4 00	8 00				1 25	260 00	24 00	12 00		311 98
Mt. Holly		3 00	1 00	1 00		2 00	1 10					8 10
Magnolia	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00			1 28	100 00	15 00			128 28
Mt. Zion												
New Hope	4 00	6 00	14 00	4 00			1 50	125 00			8 00	162 50
Olive Branch	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	42 59				52 09
Piney Grove	2 00	4 00	4 00				1 14	100 00				111 14
Poplar Grove	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 50			50					8 50
Rose Hill		1 50	00				50	14 00				16 60
Riley's Creek	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00			1 50	125 00				138 50
Sharon	1 00	2 00		2 00			1 00	70 00				76 00
Salem												
Shiloh	4 00	5 00	5 29	4 00		3 31	1 00	100 00			15 00	137 60
Siloam	2 50	5 00	2 00	2 50		5 00	1 75	125 00	600 00			743 75
Spring Vale	3 90	5 00	2 00	2 07		1 42	1 40	100 00	75 00			190 79
Teachey	1 00	2 50	3 00	1 50			50	75 00	63 00			146 50
Warsaw		6 00	6 50			15 40	1 50	300 00	30 00			359 40
Wells Chapel	10 00	10 00	10 00	3 25	18 60	10 00		150 00	5 00		21 60	238 45
Wilmington	75 00	400 00	100 00	50 00		100 00	4 00	2500 00	3207 00		4114 12	10550 12
Willard	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 50				100 00				108 05
Total	197 57	591 17	282 62	138 62	23 22	176 36	51 17	7454 59	5110 36	30 60	4213 22	18269 50

CHURCHES.	Additions. Baptized.	Additions. By Letter.	Additions. Restored.	Losses. By Letter.	Losses. Excluded.	Losses. Died.	Membership. White Males.	Membership. White Females.	Membership. Colored.	Total.	No. Copies Recorder taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow Chapel	5	.	.	....	1	...	25	38	..	63	...	3rd Sunday.
Bethel	2	.	.	3	1	3	47	71	..	118	...	4th "
Beulah	...	2	.	4	1	4	43	54	..	97	3	1st "
Boykin's Chapel	4	9	.	4	...	2	47	90	..	137	...	2nd "
Berea	.	.	.	....	2	1	27	45	..	72	...	2nd "
Bear Branch	2	1	2	....	2	2	25	22	..	47	...	4th "
Bethlehem	.	.	.	1	...	1	69	80	..	149	3	1st "
Bear Marsh	2	1	1	....	3	2	37	97	..	134	3	3rd "
Burgaw	10	1	.	....	...	...	19	33	..	52	3	4th "
Brooklyn	18	14	1	4	3	3	68	127	..	195	...	2 times each "
Clinton	1	10	.	2	...	2	57	78	..	135	...	1st and 3rd "
Concord	..	2	..	....	3	2	39	71	..	110	7	2nd "
Corinth	...	1	.	1	1	4	44	66	..	110	2	4th "
Colvins Creek	...	3	.	....	....	....	24	26	..	50	...	.....
Caintuck Chapel	...	3	...	2	..	..	49	50	.	99	3	3rd "
Capernaum	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Caswell	...	3	..	4	..	..	22	31	..	53	4	4th "
Catharine Lake	...	..	..	....	....	....	4	14	..	18	...	.....
Dobson's Chapel	...	..	..	1	3	1	35	50	..	85	5	3rd "
Ebenezer	...	1	..	3	2	..	23	25	..	48	4	3rd "
Emma's Chapel	10	3	.	13	..	1	30	47	..	77	3	1st "
Faison	...	.	.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Hallsville	...	.	.	..	3	2	31	76	..	107	1	4th "
Haw Bluff	17	..	1	2	..	..	53	75	..	128	...	3rd "
Hermon	.	.	.	4	..	2	18	23	..	41	...	.....
Island Creek	2	..	..	1	1	1	56	103	.	159	8	1st "
Johnson s	...	.	...	..	..	3	41	65	10	116	6	1st "
Jacksonville	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	...	.....
Kenansville	....	...	...	3	..	1	30	49	.	79	6	3rd "
Long Creek	12	3	4	8	26	1	43	84	..	127	3	1st "
Lisbon	....	2	...	2	..	2	41	49	..	90	10	1st "
Maple Hill	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Mary's Chapel	....	...	...	3	5	1	40	61	..	101	1	2nd "
Masonboro	14	...	1	4	1	1	48	87	1	136	2	.....
Moore's Creek	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Mt. Gilead	5	...	...	7	1	2	61	101	..	162	12	4th "
Mt. Olive	2	1	1	3	..	1	37	81	..	118	12	2nd and 4th "
Mt. Holly	...	...	...	1	..	2	50	88	..	138	2	.....
Magnolia	....	7	1	9	5	3	57	121	..	178	6	4th "
Mt. Zion	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
New Hope	....	2	...	3	..	3	55	110	..	165	7	2nd "
Olive Branch	1	...	1	...	1	2	27	33	..	60	...	2nd and 4th "
Piney Grove	...	3	...	3	3	1	48	74	2	124	...	1st "
Poplar Grove	....	...	...	....	..	2	49	52	..	101	...	.....
Rose Hill	....	...	...	9	..	1	2	7	..	9	...	2nd "
Riley's Creek	12	3	...	5	..	4	70	100	..	170	10	3rd "
Sharon	5	...	...	1	2	1	21	29	..	50	3	2nd "
Salem	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Shiloh	1	...	...	3	..	2	96	151	..	247	3	3rd "
Siloam	....	8	...	7	1	..	44	45	..	89	7	3rd "
Spring Vale	11	9	...	2	..	1	40	51	..	91	5	.....
Teacheys	8	1	.	1	1	3	22	29	..	51	1	4th "
Warsaw	....	...	1	9	11	2	87	143	..	230	10	2nd and 4th "
Wells Chapel	10	2	...	2	..	4	103	118	..	221	7	2nd "
Wilmington	8	12	...	16	9	5	159	289	..	448	...	2 times each "
Willard	5	...	...	5	..	1	37	37	..	74	2	1st "
Total	168	84	14	155	62	82	2200	3445	13	5672	160	

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No months S. kept open.
Barlow Chapel	James Andrews, Sloop Point	7	45	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	I. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge	6	45	.....	30	13
Beulah	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Boykin's Chapel	W. W. Hobbs, Maitland	7	30	.....	.....	.....
Berea	.....	...	...	.....	.....	....
Bear Branch	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith	10	78	100	50	12
Bear Marsh	W. J. Walker, Mt. Olive	8	35	.....	25	12
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	5	50	24	45	12
Brooklyn	Z. E. Murrell, Wilmington	15	125	115	85	12
Clinton	H. J. Hines, Clinton	12	127	40	75	12
Concord	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	6	60	.....	40	12
Colvin's Creek	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson	5	35	.....	25	12
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett, Not Moore	9	79	150	55	12
Capernaum	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Caswell	Wm. Malpass, Pt. Caswell	5	60	.....	31	12
Catharine Lake	.....	...	...	.....	.....	....
Dobson'sChapel	W. B. Hawes, Cavenaugh	7	63	....	38	12
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith, Coharie	5	27	....	25	12
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	6	80	....	30	12
Faison	.....	...	...	.....	..	.....
Hallsville	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder	6	75	40	50	12
Hermon	T. W. Brice, Clinton	3	25	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	C. Harrel, Teachey	6	38	.....	19	6
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	6	54	....	30	12
Jacksonville	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Kenansville	A. D. Ward, Kenansville	5	27	30	20	12
Long Creek	Mrs. M. E. Herring, Long Creek	5	50	....	25	12
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run	7	72	....	35	12
Maple Hill	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville	6	31	....	18	12
Masonboro	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington	7	60	....	45	12
Moore's Creek	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	L. A. Powell, Clinton	7	40	....	28	12
Mt Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	15	86	75	60	12
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington	5	25	..	20	9
Magnolia	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, Turkey	10	100	.....	75	12
Olive Branch	W. G. Rodgers, Greenville Sound	4	30	....	25	....
Piney Grove	Nathan Weeks, Clinton	4	39	....	30	6
Poplar Branch	R. R. Bell, Faison	6	66	30	....	....
Rose Hill	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek	10	50	....	30	12
Sharon	J. F. Wallace, Cavenaugh	4	41	....	26	10
Salem	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek	4	...	200	50	12
Siloam	F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store	8	70	....	65	12
Spring Vale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	4	45	.....	25	12
Teachey	J. C. McMillan, Teachey	4	40	.....	20	9
Warsaw	S. M. Carleton, Warsaw	6	70	.....	50	12
Wells Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	8	125	75	100	12
Wilmington	S. G. Hall, Wilmington	34	280	.....	216	12
Willard	Bryant Garriss, South Washington	4	40	.....	25	12

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Turkey	W. H. Thompson, Turkey
Berea	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's St're	J. A. Southerland, Wallace
Bear Marsh	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive
Concord	" " " "	W. A. Moore, Magnolia
Corinth	J. L. Britt, Turkey	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill
Dobson's Chapel	W. T. Bilbro, Snow Hill,	I. Kilpatrick, Cavenaugh
Faison		
Hallsville	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's St're	Jas. D. Brown, "
Island Creek	J. T. Albrittan, Mt. Olive	J. M. Wallace, "
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Snow Hill	L. Middleton. Warsaw
Kenansville	W. E. Crocker, Mt. Olive	D. J. " "
Mary's Chapel	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	F. M. Southerland, Ken'sv'e
Magnolia	W. L. Bilbro, Snow Hill	Levi Moore, Warsaw
Sharon	" " " "	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh
Teachey	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	M. W. Teachey, Teachey
Warsaw	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw
Brooklyn	R. E. Peele Wilmington	James L. Yopp, Wilmington
Masonboro	H. M. Croom, Wallace	B. S. Montford, "
Olive Branch	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	Silas Sneeden, "
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, "	James W. Collins, "
Capernaum		
Catharine Lake	A. T. Howell, Jacksonville	John Marshburn, Richlands
Emma's Chapel	T. J. Baker, Fort Barnwell	G. M. Barbee, "
Jacksonville	A. T. Howell, Jacksonville	H'nr'tta Jarman, Jacks'nv'e
Rose Hill	" " "	D. N. Page, Tar Landing
Barlow Chapel	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point	A. W. King, Sloop Point
Bear Branch	Jno. W. Smith, Byrdville	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Casw'll
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Keith	W. C. Keith, Keith
Burgaw	D. C. Rodgers, Owensville	J. D. Hocut, Ashton
Colvins Creek		W. G. Harrell, Atkinson
Caintuck Chap'l	" " "	D. J. Corbett, Nat Mocre
Caswell	H. M. Croom, Wallace	J. C. Parker, Pt. Caswell
Haw Bluff	" " "	N. R. Croom, Colly
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point	L. D. Cherry, Long Creek
Maple Hill		
Moore's Creek		
Mt. Holly		Isaiah Carroll, S. Washington
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. T. Larkins, Rocky Point
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Keith	S. B. Costin, Moores Creek
Willard	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	G. W. Woodcock, S. Wash.
Bethel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
Boykin's Chapel	T. M. Leary, Clinton	W. H. Boykin, Clinton
Clinton	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	B. F. Fennell, Clinton
Ebenezer		R. Highsmith, Coharie
Hermon	J. L. Britt, Turkey	C. E. Shipp, Clinton
Lisbon	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's S.	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	H. E. Peterson, Clinton
Mt. Zion		
New Hope	" " "	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs
Piney Grove	F. B. Uunderwood, Gleenw'd	H. E. Brewer, Faison
Poplar Grove		W. D. Stevens, Faison
Salem		
Siloam	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's S	J. M. Faison, Harrell's St're
Spring Vale	" " " "	Oliver Blackburn, Garland.
Wells Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	L. D. Highsmith, Bland
Mt. Olive	W. E. Crocker, Mt. Olive	Thad Jones, Jr., Mt. Olive

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage. that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Assoeiation, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion,

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained minister, who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however*, That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Associatiation an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and, during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to made full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Repoets of other committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

Elder J. L. Stewart, ... Clinton, N. C.

CLERK.

J. T. Bland, ... Burgaw, N. C.

TREASURER.

S. M. Carlton, ... Warsaw, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. Middleton,	F. A. Fennell,	J. T. Bland.
L. R. Carroll,	L. R. Highsmith,	D. J. Corbett,
J. A. Powell,	C. E. Daniel,	D. L. Gore.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

O. P. Middleton,	Isaac Brown,	Jas. K. Smith,
S. M. Carlton,	W. C. Carlton,	J. L. Stewart.

MINISTERS.

T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington.	T. M. Leary, Clinton.
R. E. Peele, "	H. M. Croom, Wallace.
J. H. Hildreth, "	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store.
M. C. Walton, "	W. A. Melvin, " "
J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point.	F. T. Wooten, Keith.
W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.
G. S. Best, Keenansville.	W. E. Crocker, " "
J. L. Britt, Turkey.	W. T. Bilbro, Snow Hill.
O. M. Matthews, Clinton.	A. T. Howell, Jacksonville.
O. P. Meeks, "	T. S. Baker, Fort Barnwell.
J. L. Stewart, "	Jno. W. Smith, Byrdville.
Henry Duncan. "	D. C. Rodgers, Owensville.

F. R. Underwood, Glenwood.

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CLERK:

OLIVER BLACKBURN,.....Ingold, N. C.

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R. E. PEELE,	Wilmington,	"
J. H. HILDRETH,	Wilmington,	"
M. C. WALTON,	Wilmington,	"
S. D. SWAIM,	Wilmington,	"
J. B. BARLOW,	Sloop Point,	"
W. M. KENNEDY,	Warsaw,	"
G. S. BEST,	Kenansville,	"
J. T. ALBRITTON,	Mt. Olive,	"
W. E. CROCHER,	Mt. Olive,	"
C. W. HOPPER,	Mt. Olive,	"
F. R. UNDERWOOD,	Autryville,	"
J. L. BRITT,	Turkey,	"
O. P. MEEKS,	Clinton,	"
J. L. STEWART,	Clinton,	"
HENRY DUNCAN,	Clinton,	"
H. M. CROOM,	Wallace,	"
W. A. MELVIN,	Harrell's Store,	"
R. C. SANDLING,	Harrell's Store,	"
F. T. WOOTEN,	Keith,	"
W. L. BILBRO,	Magnolia,	"
T. S. BAKER,	Ft. Barnwell,	"
JOHN W. SMITH,	Byrdville,	"
D. C. RODGERS,	Owensville,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Association met in its 48th Annual Session with the Church at Dobson's Chapel Tuesday, October 6th, 1891.

Morning lesson read by Rev. J. L. Stewart from 3rd chapter of John.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. O. P. Meeks, from Gallatians, 6, 14: "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," &c.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises the Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Stewart, Moderator of last session.

By motion, brethren C. E. Daniel, M. C. Walton and F. M. Southerland were appointed Finance Committee; and F. A. Fennell and A. D. Ward, Reading Clerks.

Roll of Churches called, letters read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Barlow Chapel—
Bethel—F. W. Herring, J. H. Tyler.
Beulah—L. N. Parker, B. A. Parker.
Boykin's Chapel—O. L. Herring, W. W. Hobbs, Willie Peterson.
Berea—J. A. Southerland, H. B. Stallings, Joseph Brooks.
Bear Branch—By letter.
Bethlehem—A. Pridgen, D. Croom, W. C. Keith.
Bear Marsh—D. B. Brown, R. J. Walker.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn—T. H. Rogers.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, H. J. Duncan, Jas. Moore.
Concord—W. M. Drew, R. H. Wells.
Corrinth—I. J. Johnson, E. H. Benton, D. W. Fussell.
Colvin's Creek—By letter.
Caintuck Chapel—Christine Moore.
Capernaum—
Caswell—William Glissen.
Catherine Lake—By letter.
Dobson's Chapel—T. G. Dobson, W. B. Hawes, Zach Jones.
Ebenezer—
Emmas Chapel—W. S. Cox, R. Cavenaugh, W. M. Barbee.
Faisons—

Hallsville—E. W. Farrior, W. M. Morton, S. S. Bostick.
Haw Bluff—By letter.
Hermon—
Island Creek—C. Harrell, E. Heldt, J. M. Wallace.
Johnsons—D. J. Middleton, A. Phillips, J. P. Brice.
Jacksonville—T. J. Jarman.
Kenansville—Thad. Jones, Jr., Jas. Stokes, A. D. Ward.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, E. A. B. Croom, Edgar Pigford.
Lisbon—By letter.
Maple Hill—
Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland, G. G. Best, G. W. McGowan.
Masonboro—A. Hewlet, R. Hewlet.
Moore's Creek—Eli Larkens, Austen Moore.
Mt. Gillead—H. E. Peterson, A. C. Peterson, B. Matthis.
Mt. Olive—O. Summerlin, Geo. Albritton.
Mt. Holly—B. Carroll, I. Carroll.
Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, G. W. Carroll, K. Hollingsworth.
Mt. Zion—F. F. Newton.
New Hope—C. E. Daniel, R. F. Pollock.
Olive Branch—M. C. Walton.
Poplar Grove—B. L. Scott.
Piney Grove—L. J. Wilson, S. H. Hare.
Rose Hill—D. N. Page, W. P. Kelly.
Rileys Creek—G. W. Walker, J. T. Walker.
Sharon—W. D. Brock, J. F. Wallace, L. L. Sheffield.
Salem—By letter.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. Moore.
Siloam—Love Jones, F. A. Fennell.
Spring Vale—O. Blackburn, K. Vann.
Teachey—F. Savage, J. W. Batts.
Warsaw—L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton. A. F. Gavin.
Wells Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, S. H. Calwell, Rev. F. T. Wooten.
Wilmington—J. R. Marshall, D. L. Gore, J. L. Breckenridge.
Willard—H. Powers, G. F. Dempsy.

By motion, the letters from Emma's Chapel and Salem were laid on the table.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By motion of Rev. J. T. Albritton, brother B. Matthis cast the vote of the Association for Rev. J. L. Stewart for Moderator, for Oliver Blackburn for Clerk, and for S. M. Carlton for Treasurer of the Association.

By motion of Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., J. T. Bland, A. D. Ward and F. A. Fennell were made a committee on church letters.

By motion of Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., L. R. Carroll, Rev. O. P. Meeks and C. E. Daniel were appointed as an "Associational Centennial Committee" to co-operate with the State and General Committees in

celebrating the hundredth anniversary of Modern Missions.

The following committees were appointed, viz :

State Missions—Rev. R. C. Sandling, I. J. Johnson, Wells Taylor.
Foreign Missions—Rev. O. P. Meeks, J. W. Swinson, H. B. Stallings.
Ministerial Education—Rev. J. H. Hildreth, E. Heldt, J. D. Newton.
Periodicals—Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., L. R. Highsmith, G. W. McGowan.
Sunday Schools—Rev. M. L. Kesler, L. R. Carroll, W. M. Barbee.
Temperance—Rev. G. S. Best, S. B. Anders, E. Pigford.
Requests—F. T. Wooten, B. Carroll.
Home Missions—Rev. S. D. Swaim, A. Phillips, I. Carroll.
Obituaries—Rev. J. T. Albritton, J. B. Barlow.
Nominate Executive Committee—Eli Larkins, E. W. Farrior.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. E. Peele, Rev. C. W. Hopper, J. T. Walker.
Audit Treasurer's Account—T. J. Jarman, Thad Jones.
Nominate Preachers for Next Session—W. S. Cox, B. Matthis, K. Vann.
Ministers Relief—F. F. Newton, Thos. Dobson.
Committee of Arrangements—Pastor and Deacons of this church and G. A. Herring and J. R. Marshall.

Committee of Arrangements report as follows : Preaching at stand by Rev. R. C. Sandling 2:30 p. m. Association meet at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Religious exercises to be conducted by L. R. Carroll. Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D. Preaching at stand by Rev. M. L. Kesler at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Visitors invited to seats in the body and the following brethren reported, viz : Rev. E. J. Edwards of the North Carolina Baptist. Rev. M. L. Kesler in behalf of Sunday Schools. Rev. J. D. Newton to represent Baptist Orphanage and Charity and Children. Bro. L. R. Carroll for Biblical Recorder.

The following brethren were appointed to visit the following named Associations, viz : Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., the Robeson Association ; Bro. J. R. Marshall, the Atlantic Association ; Bro. D. L. Gore, the Cape Fear Association.

By motion any brother of this Association who should visit any other Association is made a delegate to the same.

Motion to adjourn to meet at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Kesler.

Hymn, "Praise God," &c.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 7, 1891.

Services were commenced by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Boykin. 34 Psalm read by Bro. L. R. Carroll. Song. Prayer by Bro. C. E. Daniel. Song. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Kesler.

The hour having arrived, the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of the churches called and other delegates enrolled. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Pending, a motion to adopt the report of the Executive Committee and report on State Missions, interesting speeches were made by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Rev. O. P. Meeks, Rev. R. C. Sandling, Rev. R. E. Peele, Rev. J. T. Albritton, brethren D. L. Gore and J. T. Bland.

By motion, the previous question was called for, and the reports as handed in and read were adopted.

By motion, the roll of the churches was called and pledges were made, also individual pledges. (See list of pledges.)

By motion, "State Missions" in the report of committee on State Missions is to be construed as equivalent to mission work in our own bounds.

By motion, the Association repaired to the stand to hear the Missionary Sermon to be preached by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., from Isaiah 54, 2-3:—"Enlarge the place of thy tent," &c.

Afternoon Session.

The report of the committee to nominate executive committee was read and adopted.

Committee to select preachers for the stated sermons at the next session of the Association, report as follows:

Introductory sermon by Rev. J. L. Stewart.
Missionary sermon by Rev. R. E. Peele.

W. S. Cox, B. Matthis, K. Vann, Committee.

Committee on Church made a partial report, which was adopted.

By motion, the report was referred to committee to be completed and handed in to-morrow morning.

The report of committee on Baptist Orphanage was read and adopted. By motion, the report was reconsidered and discussed by Rev. J. D. Newton. Report adopted.

The following brethren were excused, viz: Wm. Glissen, J. T. Walker, J. P. Brice, W. M. Drew, J. R. Marshall, C. E. Daniel, G. A. Herring, A. D. Ward.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and after being discussed by Rev. M. L. Kesler, was adopted.

Report on Periodicals was read and after being discutsed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Cash Collection for Baptist Orphanage was taken up. Amount $14.32.

Committee of arrangements report:

Religious exercises to-morrow at 9:30 a. m., to be conducted by Rev. J. T. Albritton. Preaching at 11 a. m., by Rev. C. Durham, D. D.

Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and made a special order to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Report on Centennial Missions was read, and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read, and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was read, and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Motion by Rev. J. T. Albritton to strike out the clause "two collections during the year." Motion carried.

Motion by Bro. J. T. Bland, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay out the several amounts in his hands to the persons entitled to the same and that the clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Requests was read and adopted.

Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing committee.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet to-mor-

row at 9:30 a. m. Song. "All hail" &c.
Dismissed by Rev. R. E. Peele.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, Oct. 8th, 1891.

Religious exercises were commenced by singing. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Walton. Scriptures read by Rev. J. T. Albritton. Prayer by Rev. O. P. Meeks. Song. Prayer by Rev. S. D. Swaim. Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. O. P. Meeks. Pending, a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. O. P. Meeks, Rev. C. Durham, D. D., and Rev. R. E. Peele.

Pledges from the churches were made. Report adopted.

At 11 a. m., Rev. M. L. Kesler preached at the stand instead of Rev. C. Durham, D. D.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read and adopted.

Pending, a motion to adopt the report on Church Letters, remarks were made by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Rev. C. Durham, D. D. Report adopted but ordered not to be put in minutes.

Report of committee to audit Treasurer's account was read and adopted.

Pending, a motion to adopt the report on Home Missions, touching remarks were made by Rev. C. Durham, D. D., after which pledges were taken and report adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet at Emma's Chapel, Oct. 4th, 1892.

Prayer by Rev. C. Durham, D. D. Song, "Praise God," &c.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

O. BLACKBURN, Clerk.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this church and the community for the unbounded hospitality in providing for the Association. L. R. HIGHSMITH.

REPORTS AS ADOPTED.

PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee recommend that the next session meet with the church at Emma's Chapel Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1893.

F. T. WOOTEN,
J. L. BOYKIN, } *Committee.*
B. CARROLL,

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., has under its supervision the territory of the Southern States, the Indian Territory, and also the Island of Cuba. Its aim is to supply the destitution found more especially in the larger cities of the South. During the past year the work has been more encouraging than ever before—more conversions, more additions to the church, more churches organized and more new churches built. The work done by Bro. Dias in Cuba has abundantly rewarded us for every dollar spent by this Board.

Your Committee recommends that our Sunday-schools buy their supplies from the Nashville Publishing House. We also earnestly ask all the Pastors of the Association to take at least one collection during the year for this object.

S. D. SWAIM,
A. PHILLIPS, } *Committee.*
I. CARROLL,

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The education of our people is a positive duty, and especially is it our duty to educate young men called of God to preach the Gospel. There are now 40 ministers at Wake Forest College who have been approved, and are being aided by the Board. If they continue at College, they must be sustained by the contributions of the denomination. We recommend that each church take two collections for this object during the Associational year.

J. D. NEWTON,
J. H. HILDRETH, } *Committee.*
E. HELDT.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report a strong and increasing sentiment in favor of Temperance. The entire Association seems to be permeated by

the Spirit, and we feel that no distant day, the blighting curse of the liquor trafic will be driven out of our midst. We would recommend to the churches that they take courage and press forward in the good work with the assurance of Divine help and certain victory. COMMITTEE.

CENTENARY MISSIONS.

The Committee on Centenary Missions beg leave to recommend that the last day of the Association next year be given to a special programme on Centenary Missions to be arranged by this committee hereafter. That two meetings in the interest of said Centenary be held during the year at times and places hereafter designated throngh the Biblical Recorder. We also recommend that special emphasis be given to this object in all the discussions and collections of our unions on missions and that our churches endeavor to raise a special centenary fund for missions during the next year.

L. R. CARROLL,
O. P. MEEKS, } *Committee.*
C. E. DANIEL,

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are now 125 orphans at Thomasville, all dependent on the voluntary contributions of the Lord's people. The Orphanage is the property of the Baptists of N. C., and the children must be clothed and fed by the contributions of the churches and Sunday-schools. The work we do for Orphans we do for Christ, for He said "In as much as ye did it unto one of these least, ye did it unto me." We recommend that the churches, each, take one collection a year for the Orphans and that the Sunday-schools make monthly contributions to this worthy object.

R. E. PEELE,
J. T. WALKER } *Committee.*
C. W. HOPPER,

NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Committee recommend the following: D. J. Middleton, F. A. Fennell, J. T. Bland, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, D. J. Corbett, L. M. Cooper, C. E. Daniel, D. L. Gore.

ELI LARKINS,
E. W. FARRIOR, } *Committee.*

STATE MISSIONS.

As there is yet great destitution in our State and as the Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in this direction, and as the cry is coming up to us from many points of interest, therefore we recommend, that every church in this Association do all that it can this year for this object. Also that the churches make pledges for this purpose.

R. C. SANDLING,
I. J. JOHNSON, } *Committee*
WELLS TAYLOR,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas, the work of Foreign Missions is the great enterprise committed to the church by her risen Lord, and in view of the fact that God's special blessing has rested upon this work in response to the earnest self sacrifice

of his people and acknowledging with deepest gratitude the wonderful success already attained, we most earnestly recommend that in the inauguration of the new Centennary we expect "still greater things of God and attempt greater things for God." We recommend that individuals and churches become better informed and more consecrated to this great work, that we take special offerings for the Centennary fund recommended by our Southern Baptist Convention, and that in the near future our Association take up and support at least one Foreign Missionary. *Committee.*

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the Southern States there are said to be 12,000 churches without Sunday schools, over 4,000 of these are in our own State. There are more than 1,000 schools already organized that must be stimulated into more efficiency or the rank and file of the denomination will still remain ciphers in the work they are expected to do. The first need is the more thorough organization of the Sunday school forces. By means of a well organized Sunday school association. new schools can be organized and the old ones improved. But organization without something definite to do is worse than no organization at all. Let this organization take upon itself the work of supplying the people with good literature. The Sunday school and Colportage work will then be closely connected and this body will have a definite aim and end in view. Here is a vast field for good that lies, so far, almost untouched. The day hos come for us to use this engine of power.

Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Lord of the harvest seems to have regarded the efforts of your committee and missionaries during the past year with peculiar favor. The reports from all of our fields and mission stations are such as should cause thanksgiving and inspire renewed courage in the hearts of all the Lord's people. But while these results show the divine approval of our labors they seem to bid us to put forth yet greater efforts for the spread of the Master's Kingdom in the destitution within our bounds. The missionaries employed by us are as follows. Rev. R. E. Peele in Wilmington at Brooklyn. S. D. Swaim at Burgaw. J. H. Hildreth at Willard and Teachey. A. T. Howell on the Onslow field, and W. L. Bilbro at Sharon and Hallsville. Our policy has been so far as practicable to group our mission points into fields with a view to developing them into self sustaining pastorates and locating pastors on them. There have been added to the membership of our mission points more than 150 members, and at the other churches occupied by our missionaries at least 150 more and the interest at all our missions increasing. Bro. Howell served only nine months on the Onslow field when he was compelled to leave on account of failure of his health, his beloved wife having died on the field. This leaves that field now vacant and we are trying to secure a suitable man to fill the place. For the last two months brother M. C. Walton has rendered very efficient service as Colporter and preaching wherever the way opened up to him. The good hand of the Lord seems to have been with him. We cordially recommend this brother and his work to the churches and Sunday schools of the Association. We respectfully recommend that the money raised by the churches for State or Associational missions be paid over to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee so as to enable the committee to better advance their work. We recommend that our churches try to raise

$1,250.00 during the coming year to be used in supplying the vast destitution within our bounds. J. T. BLAND *for Committee.*

OBITUARIES.

We have to chronicle the death of several of our brethren since the last session of this body. W. H. Best, member of Johnston's church, died Sept. 27th, 1891, at an advanced age. His pastor speaks of him as a "man of splendid christian character."

Daniel Williams, of Hallsville church, died Nov. 30, '90, in his 83rd year. His christian life having extended over a period of more than 50 years.

W. P. Dobson, of Dobson's Chapel, died Aug. 31st, '91. He was born Feb. 14th, 1849, made a profession of religion about 1863 and during the last few days of his life developed rapidly in spirituality and usefulness. He contributed liberally towards the erection of the new house of worship in which this body holds its present session, and was the efficient Superintendent of his church Sunday school at the time of his death.

Kedar Bryan, of Kenansville church, died August 19th, 1891. He was born April 28th, 1851, and was baptized in his 16th year by Rev. J. N. Stallings. He was the great-grand-son of Rev. Francis Oliver, and brother to Rev. R. T. Bryan, missionary to China. Mrs. Kate Bryan, his stepmother, under whose pious training he grew up from early childhood to man's estate, says of him: "He was a true christian, and as a child, a boy, and a man, none knew him but to love him, he was so kind and loving to all. He died of consumption, suffering long and greatly, with more patience and resignation than any one I ever saw. In dying he pointed upwards exclaiming, Jesus! We feel like our boy is with his Savior."

Alfred Hollingsworth, of the Magnolia church, died January 14, 1891, at the advanced age of 70 years, 10 months and three days. His death was a great loss to the church of which he was a highly esteemed member.

James K. Williams, of Corinth church, died Oct. 23, 1890, in his 81st year. He had, for more than 50 years, been a consistent, useful member of the church. He was for many years before his death, confined to his home by afflictions, yet, notwithstanding, he felt a deep interest in the prosperity of Zion to the end of his life.

It is cause of profound gratitude, that we do not have to record the death of any of our ministerial brethren. Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

It is impossible to overestimate the value of the Religious Press. It is an affective means of educating the people, mentally, morally and spiritually, it seems to unite the churches in doctrine and feeling, it imparts information as to the progress of the Master's Kingdom in all parts of the world and it not only tells what has been done, but how it has been done, and thus stimulates those who read to new and more active and earnest efforts to promote the cause of piety. All these good ends have been subserved by the Biblical Recorder, which has been an incalculable blessing to the Baptists of North Carolina for more than fifty years. It has been the means of preserving our people from hurtful heresies; it has been the best collecting agency we have ever had in the field for the support of all our enterprises of benevolence and it is earnestly commended to the confidence and support of the Baptists of the State as worthy of their patronage. If the Recorder had five times as many subscribers as it now has your com-

mittee are persuaded that it would be an easy matter to raise five times as much money for all causes as we do now. It is hence to the highest interest of the pastors and churches to put forth constant and bountiful efforts to increase the circulation of this the Baptist State organ.

Your committee would also recommend our people to take Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage, and Kind Words—series of Sunday School helps, the Home Field, the organ of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of our Board at Richmond, Va. We are approaching the centennial year of missions, and it is eminently desirable that our people should become acquainted with the marvelous and inspiring facts of this great enterprise.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
L. R. HIGHSMITH, } *Committee.*
G. W. McGOWAN,

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

Two years ago the Baptist State Convention appointed a Board to receive and disburse funds for the relief of aged and disabled Baptist ministers in the State, and located at Wilmington, N. C. At the last session of the Convention this Board was transferred to Durham because it is a more central location, and Rev. C. A. Woodsen was made Corresponding Secretary. Strange to say, while this Board represents a most worthy cause and one which especially concerns the pastors, but few of them have brought the matter before their churches or manifested any interest in the enterprise. This Association passed an order at its last session requiring the insertion of this cause on the face of church letters as one of the regular objects of the body. If this has not been done, your committee would respectfully insist that the clerk be required to have new blanks printed which shall include this Board.

The statistics of the Board are as follows:

Total Receipts for the year	$353 01
Reserved Fund for investment	117 67
Paid to Beneficiaries,	142 75
Printing and Postage	13 48
Balance in hand	79 11

The Board has on its list 9 beneficiaries, one of whom is a member of this body.

Bro. A. C. Meeks of Lumberton left property said to be worth the sum of $6,000.00 to this object but it will probably be some years before the Board can realize this money. It will be sure that as the amount of money appropriated, $142.75 was given to 9 persons—but very little, only about $15 has been the average donation to each person. The sum reported by the church letters for this object this year is $137.98, which is a good beginning for us and better, we suppose, than any other Association in the State has done.

J. D. NEWTON,
J. H. DOBSON, } Committee.
F. F. NEWTON,

REPORT OF TREASURER AND AUDITING COMMITTEE.

S. M. Carlton, Treasurer of the Eastern Association, in account 1890.

To amount received from all sources, ... $598 21

CREDITOR.

By amount forwarded to State Treasurer, Boushal,

For State Missions,	$168 22	
For Foreign Missions,	165 81	
For Home Missions,	64 93	
For Education	81 66	
For Orphanage,	46 99	
For Ministerial Relief Fund,	9 05	
For Minute Fund, (J. T. Bland)	51 39	
For Church at Catherine Lake (John Marshburn)	10 16	
	$598 21	$598 21

Respectfully Submitted, S. M. CARLTON.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, report that we have received the account and compared the vouchers and find the same correct.

J. T. BLAND,
THAD JONES, Jr. } Committee
THOS. J. JARMAN,

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent up with letters, ... $770 59

Appropriated as follows:

State Missions	$300 00	
Home Missions	71 62	
Foreign Missions,	129 98	
Ministerial Education	68 25	
Sunday School Board	50	
Baptist Orphanage,	62 50	
Minute Fund,	52 30	
Colportage	1 25	
Ministers Relief Fund	84 19	
Total,		$770 59

We find that other amounts have been collected during the year and forwarded directly to the Treasurer of the Convention by the churches and reported in the letters, making a total of $1427 71

Hat Collection for Orphanage	14 32
Hat Collection for Foreign Missions	6 13

C. E. DANIEL,
M. C. WALTON, } Comm.
F. M. SOUTHERLAND

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Woman's Missionary Society.	Other Objects.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
Barlow Chapel.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1 00	$100 00	.....	.....	$ 7 08	.....	$ 123 08
Bethel,.....	.....	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	1 5	75 00	.....	.....	25 66	.....	113 25
Beulah,.....	$ 2 04	7 00	$ 2 05	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	116 50
Boykin's Chapel	3 00	9 50	1 00	$ 2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 2 55	14 80
Berea,.....	1 70	3 85	.....	2 20	$ 3 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 15
Bear Branch...	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	4	50 00	$25 00	.....	.....	.....	145 50
Bethlehem	4 00	8 00	12 00	4 00	6 50	1 50	100 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	45 75
Bear Marsh	3 25	6 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	33 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	232 75
Burgaw	3 00	10 00	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	100 00	50 00	.....	65 00	1 00	1733 18
Brooklyn, ...	5 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	720 00	827 68	.....	150 00	20 00	.....
Clinton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00
Concord,.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 18
Corinth,.....	.....	.....	1 23	7 50	2 80	65	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Colvin's Creek,	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caintuck Chap'l	3 00	19 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	100 00	34 00	.....	.....	14 00	180 50
Capernaum,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell	50	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	30 00	1 40	.....	28 01	1 00	66 41
Catharine Lake	.....	75	75	.....	2 00	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 85
Dobsons Chapel	3 00	10 00	2 50	3 00	2 15	1 00	100 00	225 00	.....	.....	2 00	348 65
Ebenezer,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emma's Chapel	2 00	10 05	.....	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	138 05
Faison,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fallsville,.....	1 00	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	10 75
Haw Bluff.....	67	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	8 67
Hermon, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek...	3 00	10 00	5 12	3 00	3 63	2 00	100 00	250 00	9 12	.....	2 00	387 87
Johnson.....	2 50	12 00	8 00	2 50	2 50	1 10	150 00	1000 00	.....	.....	2 00	1180 60
Jacksonville ...	.....	.....	1 50	4 00	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Kenansville	5 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	234 60	6 68	.....	.....	367 28
Long Creek	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 42	1 00	75 00	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	95 42
Lisbon.....	5 00	5 73	6 05	2 00	4 76	90	125 00	23 95	.....	.....	.....	173 39
Maple Hill,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel.	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Masonboro, ...	2 50	10 00	2 00	.....	5 00	1 50	100 00	40 00	.....	1 30	.....	462 30
Moore's Creek,.	2 00	3 00	1 75	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	3 50	.....	28 60	3 50	143 35
Mt. Gilead.....	1 98	9 03	5 57	5 08	5 12	1 50	150 00	1 00	15 30	7 39	7 39	209 36
Mt. Olive.....	.....	.....	10 59	8 43	.....	.....	200 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	344 02
Mt. Holly.....	2 00	7 00	2 42	.....	5 85	1 25	76 00	3 00	2 00	.....	1 00	100 52
Magnolia, ...	.....	7 50	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	100 00	20 00	.....	58 00	.....	195 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 00	1 00	1 20	1 00	7 70	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 30
New Hope,.....	5 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	125 00	47 03	.....	.....	.....	198 53
Olive Branch...	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	75 00	.....	.....	24 99	2 20	109 69
Piney Grove....	.....	10 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 15	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	112 15
Poplar Grove ..	.....	.....	.....	1 83	.....	50	75 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	117 33
Rose Hill.....	.....	.....	1 50	2 00	55	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 55
Riley's Creek,..	3 00	12 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	125 00	.....	.....	.....	4 38	146 38
Sharon, ...	1 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 50
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	38 00	.....	21 89	.....	60 57
Shiloh.....	2 25	10 00	5 00	3 25	4 00	1 50	100 00	2 60	.....	.....	2 50	131 10
Siloam	3 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 29	1 50	125 00	175 00	.....	.....	5 00	324 79
Spring Vale....	3 00	10 00	1 79	2 85	1 16	1 25	100 00	80 00	.....	.....	1 00	201 05
Peachey's.....	1 25	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 50	100 00	113 00	.....	7 25	.....	236 50
Warsaw,.....	7 60	25 00	14 10	.....	12 00	1 50	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 20
Well's Chapel..	14 00	5 00	29 00	20 00	10 00	1 50	150 0	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	239 50
Wilmington, ...	75 00	250 00	118 00	30 00	96 00	4 00	25 0 00	924 42	.....	3485 60	80 00	7563 02
Willard,.....	3 55	8 14	3 54	.....	5 00	1 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	3 55	99 78
Total,....	182 79	560 80	275 31	125 14	206 68	52 63	7099 00	4389 18	33 10	3916 27	165 57	17006 57

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			Membership				No. Copies Recorder Taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.		
Barlow Chapel.	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Bethel,	2	1	1	1	....	1	46	73	..	118	....	4th Sunday.
Beulah,	7	15	4	4	1	2	56	61	..	117	....	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	4	7	..	1	....	..	49	93	..	142	....	1st Sunday.
Berea,	9	....	7	2	....	1	37	52	..	90	....	2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch	3	2	..	....	....	..	28	24	..	52	....	2nd Sunday.
Bethlehem	11	....	2	3	....	..	73	82	..	157	3	1st Sunday.
Bear Marsh	....	9	..	4	1	2	40	94	..	134	4	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw	24	6	..	4	....	2	33	39	..	72	2	4th Sunday.
Brooklyn,	48	36	9	7	1	1	117	155	..	272	....	2 times each Sunday.
Clinton	99	9	..	4	....	1	....	....	..	243	....	2 times each month.
Concord,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	1st Sunday.
Corinth,	....	3	..	2	....	2	43	66	..	109	....	3rd Sunday.
Colvin's Creek,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Caintuck Chap'l	25	....	..	....	....	4	59	61	..	120	....	3rd Sunday.
Capernaum,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Caswell	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Catharine Lake	....	....	..	....	....	1	4	13	..	17	2	4th Sunday.
Dobsons Chapel	10	5	..	1	....	2	38	59	..	97	....	3rd Sunday.
Ebenezer,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Emma's Chapel	2	1	..	2	....	..	35	44	..	74	2	1st Sunday.
Faison,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Hallsville,	3	4	1	2	....	4	31	77	..	108	....	2nd Sunday.
Haw Bluff	8	3	2	2	....	1	57	85	..	142	....	3rd Sunday.
Hermon,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Island Creek	9	1	..	5	5	1	56	100	..	156	....	1st Sunday.
Johnson	16	10	..	1	2	1	54	78	10	142	8	1st Sunday.
Jacksonville	....	....	2	1	....	1	4	6	..	8	....	.....
Kenansville	1	3	..	3	2	1	29	48	..	77	7	2nd Sunday.
Long Creek	3	2	7	1	3	..	48	87	..	135	....	1st Sunday.
Lisbon,	....	1	..	4	....	..	39	48	..	81	....	1st Sunday.
Maple Hill,	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
Mary's Chapel.	....	1	..	5	6	2	34	58	..	92	....	4th Sunday.
Masonboro,	18	....	2	2	1	2	57	90	..	143	....	1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek,	4	1	1	2	1	..	30	46	..	76	3	4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	38	7	4	6	2	4	78	118	..	196	12	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Olive	8	2	1	....	1	2	44	87	..	131	....	4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly	23	4	1	11	7	1	60	79	..	139	2	2nd Sunday.
Magnolia,	6	7	1	6	3	2	57	115	..	172	....	4th Sunday.
Mt. Zion	....	....	..	....	....	..	11	12	..	23	....	.....
New Hope,	14	1	1	2	....	2	63	110	..	173	....	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch	22	4	4	....	12	..	34	44	..	78	2	2nd Sunday.
Piney Grove	9	2	..	2	3	3	49	70	2	121	....	.....
Poplar Grove	17	....	..	1	1	1	57	51	..	102	3	2nd Sunday.
Rose Hill	7	2	..	....	....	..	6	13	..	19	....	2nd Sunday.
Riley's Creek,	40	5	10	5	....	..	95	145	..	240	2	3rd Sunday.
Sharon,	9	2	2	1	1	..	23	34	..	57	....	2nd Sunday.
Salem	13	....	..	....	1	..	12	20	..	32	....	3rd Sunday.
Shiloh	11	....	1	11	1	3	84	120	..	204	5	3rd Sunday.
Siloam	17	14	..	5	....	2	54	59	..	113	12	3rd Sunday.
Spring Vale	....	....	..	....	2	..	38	51	..	89	3	2nd Sunday.
Teachey's	26	3	3	4	2	..	37	40	..	77	....	4th Sunday.
Warsaw,	20	1	6	17	4	5	81	152	..	233	....	2 times each month.
Well's Chapel	17	5	1	1	....	1	110	129	..	239	....	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington,	14	14	3	18	20	5	159	275	..	436	60	2 times each Sunday.
Willard,	33	9	..	5	4	..	57	46	..	103	....	1st Sunday.
Total,	660	201	76	158	86	62	2302	3410	12	5918	132	

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Teachers and Officers	Scholars.	Number Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance	Number of months School kept open.
Barlow Chapel						
Bethel,	Ira D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge,	6	45			
Beulah,	F. J. Faison, Turkey,	5	15		15	
Boykin's Chapel	W. W. Hobbs, Maitland					
Berea,	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	3	40	25	25	5
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, Currie					
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith	7	73	100	45	
Bear Marsh	L. D. Swinson, Mount Olive	7	50		30	
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	5	50		40	
Brooklyn,	T. H. McDougal, Wilmington	19	150	115	101	12
Clinton	Henry Hines, Clinton					
Concord,	O. R. Middleton, Warsaw					
Corinth,	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	4	69		40	9
Colvin's Creek,	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson					
Caintuck Chap'l	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore	9	79	150	55	12
Capernaum,						
Caswell	Wm. Malpass, Point Caswell	5	60		40	12
Catharine Lake						
Dobsons Chapel	John Dobson, Kenansville	8	55	42		
Ebenezer,	R. Highsmith, Coharie	4	26		20	10
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	6	55		46	12
Faison,						
Hallsville,						
Haw Bluff	J. B. Barnhill, Colly	10	100	100		
Hermon,						
Island Creek	C. Harrell, Teachey	6	41	30		9
Johnson	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	6	59		35	12
Jacksonville						
Kenansville	Thad Jones, Jr., Kenansville	5	27	30	20	12
Long Creek	Margaret E. Herring, Long Creek					
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Lisbon	9	71			
Maple Hill,						
Mary's Chapel	G. G. Best, Kenansville	4	16			
Masonboro,	E. Hewlet, Wilmington	7	85		50	12
Moore's Creek,	Austen Moore, Currie	5	35			12
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Mosley, Taylor's Bridge	15	130			12
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mount Olive	10	67		36	12
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll, South Washington	7	55		35	12
Magnolia,	Miss Bertha Johnson, Magnolia	8	60	40		
Mt. Zion						
New Hope,	C. E. Daniel, Turkey	12	100			12
Olive Branch						
Piney Grove	H. E. Brewer, Hobton	9	50			12
Poplar Grove	J. H. Darden, Faison,	4	70		20	10
Rose Hill						
Riley's Creek,	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek	5	75	100	50	12
Sharon,	M. T. Horne, Cavenaugh	4	25		19	12
Salem	J. D. Congleton, Sneeds Ferry	5	44		20	6
Shiloh	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek	4	75	100		12
Siloam	J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store	7	62		50	12
Spring Vale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	6	40	25		12
Teachey's	F. Savage, Teacheys	5	20	50		
Warsaw,	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	10	50		45	12
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	9	125		100	12
Wilmington,	S. G. Hall, Wilmington	35	270	200	225	12
Willard,	W. F. Powers, Willard	4	35			

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Barlow Chapel	.....	.....
Bethel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	Maury Ward, Joford
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Turkey	C. I. Thomson, Turkey
Boykin's Chapel	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	L. M. Boykin, Clinton
Berea	.....	J. A. Southerland, Wallace
Bear Branch	J. W. Smith, Byrdsville	W. R. Brinson, Currie
Bethlehem	F. T Wooten, Keith	W. C. Keith, Keith
Bear Marsh	Bear Marsh	S. D. Swinson, Mount Olive
Burgaw	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	J. D. Hocut, Ashton
Brooklyn	R. E. Peele, Wilmington	J. L. Yopp, Wilmington
Clinton	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	B. S. Peterson, Clinton
Concord	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	W. A. Moore, Magnolia
Corinth	J. L. Britt, Turkey	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill
Colvin's Creek	R. M. Hilburn, ———	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson
Caintuck Chapel	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Natmore
Capernaum	.....	.....
Caswell	F. T. Wooten, Keith	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell
Catharine Lake	J. H. Dobson, Warsaw	John Marshburn, Richlands
Dobson's Chapel	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia	John Dobson, Kenansville
Ebenezer	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	R. Highsmith, Coharie
Emma's Chapel	.....	G. M. Barbee, ———
Faison	.....	.....
Hallsville	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh
Haw Bluff	R. M. Hilburn, ———	N. R. Croon, Colly
Hermon	.....	.....
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	J. M, Wallace, Cavenaugh
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia	L. Middleton, Warsaw
Jacksonville	.....	H. J. Jarman, Jacksonville
Kenansville	C. W. Hopper, Mount Olive	A. D. Ward, Kenansville
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point	G. A. Herring, Long Creek
Lisbon	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon
Maple Hill	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel	J. L. Britt, Turkey	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville
Masonboro	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	R. S. Montford, Wilmington
Moore's Creek	J. H. Hildreth, ———	Austen Moore, Currie
Mount Gilead	C. W. Hopper, Mount Olive	H. E, Peterson, Clinton
Mount Olive	C. W. Hopper, Mount Olive	A. Jones, Mount Olive
Mount Holly	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. D. Ramsey, Bannerman
Magnolia	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia	Levi Moore, Warsaw
Mount Zion	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	D. Leonard, Kerr's
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs
Olive Branch	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	L. Sneeden, Wilmington
Piney Grove	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive	H. E. Brewer, Hobton
Poplar Branch	J. O. Lew, Clinton	W. D. Stevens, Clinton
Rose Hill	J. H. Dobson, ———	D. N. Page, Tar Landing
Riley's Creek	S. D. Swain, ———	J. T. Larkins, Long Creek
Sharon	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh
Salem	.....	J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Keith	S. B. Coster, Moore's Creek
Siloam	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	N. F.
Spring Vale	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	J. M. Marshburn, Taylor's Bridge.
Teachey	R. E. Peele, Wilmington	M. W, Teachey, Teacheys.
Warsaw	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw.
Wells Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	L. D. Highsmith, Bland.
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	G. W. Woodcock, Willard.

PLEDGES.

PLEDGES OF INDIVIDUALS FOR STATE MISSIONS.		PLEDGES OF CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State or Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
B. L. Scott	$5 00	Barlow Chapel.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
O. P. Meeks	5 00	Bethel,	$ 2 50	$15 00	$ 5 00	.....	$ 1 00	$ 23 50
D. N. Page	5 00	Beulah,	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
W. H. Murray	5 00	Boykin's Chapel	2 50	10 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	17 00
H. R. Kornegay pd	5 00	Berea,	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	4 00
W. P. Kelly	2 50	Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
D. L. Gore	25 00	Bethlehem	.....	7 00	2 00	.....	.....	9 00
T. J Jarman	2 50	Bear Marsh	2 00	6 50	5 00	2 5	2 00	18 00
T. W. Britt paid	1 50	Burgaw	3 00	12 50	7 50	1 00	2 00	26 00
F. T. Wooten	5 00	Brooklyn,	5 00	75 00	25 00	10 00	2 00	135 00
O. W. Carter	5 00	Clinton	5 00	25 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	55 00
A. D. Ward	5 00	Concord,	2 00	8 00	2 00	.....	50	12 50
Thad Jones, Jr	5 00	Corinth,	1 50	7 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	13 00
J. R. Marshall	5 00	Colvin's Creek,	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
L. M. Cooper	5 00	Caintuck Chap'l	1 00	18 00	5 00	1 00	4 00	29 00
C. E. Daniel	5 00	Capernaum,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. T. Bland	5 00	Caswell	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	15 00
J. T. Albritton	5 00	Catharine Lake	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
J. L. Boykin paid	5 00	Dobsons Chapel	5 00	15 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	30 00
G. D. Demsy	2 50	Ebenezer,	.....	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	7 50
C. Harrell	2 00	Emma's Chapel	.....	10 00	3 00	.....	.....	13 00
G. A. Herring	2 00	Faison,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. A. Powell	10 00	Hallsville,	1 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	9 00
D. J. Middleton paid	1 00	Haw Bluff	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
J. L. Stewart	25 00	Hermon,	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
R. H. Heldt	2 00	Island Creek	3 00	12 00	8 00	2 0	2 00	27 00
Mrs. D. Brown	1 00	Johnson	5 00	15 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	35 00
Mrs. A. E. Johnson	5 00	Jacksonville	.....	2 50	3 00	.....	.....	5 50
Mrs. Bland Wallace	1 00	Kenansville	5 00	12 50	10 00	2 00	3 00	32 50
Mrs. Samuel Register	1 00	Long Creek	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	10 00
		Lisbon	.....	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	25 00
Total	$159 00	Maple Hill,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Mary's Chapel.	1 00	9 00	3 00	.....	.....	13 00
		Masonboro,	2 00	12 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	21 50
		Moore's Creek,	1 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	12 00
		Mt. Gilead	10 00	15 00	10 00	.....	5 00	40 00
		Mt. Olive	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	23 00
		Mt. Holly	2 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	19 00
		Magnolia,	1 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	.....	24 00
		Mt. Zion	1 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	9 00
		New Hope,	5 00	15 00	10 0	.....	2 00	32 00
		Olive Branch	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	8 00
		PoplarGrove	1 00	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	7 00
		Piney Grove	.....	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	13 00
		Rose Hill	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
		Riley's Creek,	3 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	18 50
		Sharon,	1 00	7 00	2 00	1 00	.....	11 00
		Salem	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
		Shiloh	.....	10 00	5 00	3 00	2 50	20 50
		Siloam	3 00	15 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	36 00
		Spring Vale	2 50	7 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	14 50
		Teachey's	1 50	8 00	3 00	2 0	1 50	16 00
		Warsaw,	10 00	25 00	25 00	5 00	5 0	70 00
		Well's Chapel	10 00	15 00	25 00	.....	5 00	55 00
		Wilmington,	75 00	25 00	200 00	50 00	50 00	625 00
		Willard,	1 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
	Individual	D. L. Gore	.....	.....	8 50	.....	25 00	33 50
		Total	180 50	773 50	502 00	106 50	157 00	1717 50

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and, during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel Order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. READING CHURCH LETTERS AND ENROLLING DELEGATES.
2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
3. CALL OF PETITIONARY LETTERS.
4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.
5. APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.
6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.
7. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES.
8. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MINISTERS RELIEF SOCIETY.
9. REPORT OF TREASURER.
10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.
11. INCIDENTAL AND ROUTINE MOTIONS SHALL BE IN ORDER AT ANY TIME
12. ADJOURNMENT.

L. R. C.

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MODERATOR:

ELDER J. L. STEWART,.....Clinton, N. C.

CLERK:

OLIVER BLACKBURN,..... Ingold, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

D. J. Middleton,	F. A. Fennel,	J. T. Bland,
L. R. Carroll,	L. R. Highsmith,	W. J. Fryar,
B. S. Mumford,	C. E. Daniel,	D. L Gore.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL:

O. P. Middleton,	Isaac Brown,	Jas. K. Smith.
S. M. Carlton,	W. C. Carlton,	J. L. Stewart,

MINISTERS:

T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.,	Wilmington, N. C.
R. E. PEELE,	Wilmington, "
J. H. HILDRETH,	Point Caswell "
M. C. WALTON,	Wilmington, "
S. D. SWAIM,	Wilmington, "
J. B. BARLOW,	Sloop Point, "
G. S. BEST,	Kenansville, "
J. T. ALBRITTON,	Mt. Olive, "
W. E. CROCKER,	Mt. Olive, "
C. F. HOPPER,	Mt. Olive, "
J. L. BRITT,	Turkey, "
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J. L. STEWART,	Clinton, "
HENRY DUNCAN,	Clinton, "
H. M. CROOM,	Wallace, "
R. A. MELVIN,	Harrell's Store, "
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F. T. WOOTEN,	Keith, "
W. L. BILBRO,	Magnolia, "
T. S. BAKER,	Ft. Barnwell, "
JOHN W. SMITH,	Byrdville, "
D. C. ROGERS,	Owenville, "
J. T. JENKINS,	Wilmington, "

PROCEEDINGS:

Devotional exercises, Song, "Come Thou Fount" &c, Prayer by Rev. C. F. Hopper.

The Eastern Association met in its 49th. Annual Session with the church at Emma's Chapel Thursday, Oct. 4th 1892.

Morning lesson read by Moderator, J. L. Stewart, from John 3.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. L. Stewart, Text from Same chapter 3rd. and 5th verses.

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

According to Adjournment the association met. The 90th. Psalm was read by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Newton.

By motion, Brethren B. Matthews, F. M. Southerland, and W. J. Fryar were appointed Financial Committe, and F. A. Fennell, and J. T. Bland, Reading Clerks

Roll of Churches called, Letters read, and the following delegates enrolled:

CHURCHCS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Barlow Chapel	Jas. Andrews, R. S. Atkinson.
Bethel	W. J. Fryar.
Beulah	By Letter.
Boykin's Chapel	L. M. Boykin, I. Williamson.
Berea	J. A. Southerland, T. W. Stallings, J. Brock.
Bear Branch	
Bethlehem	By Letter.
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown.
Burgaw	Rev. R. E. Peele, J. T. Bland, J. W. Bowen.
Brooklyn	P. Rich.
Clinton	Rev. J. L. Stewart.
Concord	B. W.Matthis, Alfred Hall.
Corinth	S. E. Johnson.
Colvin's Creek	By Letter.
Caintuck Chapel	F. P. Flynn.
Caswell	By Letter.
Catherine Lake	J. N. Cannady, John Marshburn.
Dobson's Chapel	J. R. Dobson, Thos. Kilpatrick, John Dobson.
Ebenezer	
Emma's Chapel	A. B. Cox, A. J. Scott, T. F. Barbee.
Faison	
Hallsville	W. Sandlin, D. Burton, H. S. Thomas.
Haw Bluff	By Letter.
Herman	
Island Creek	C.Harrell.

Johnson's—W. H. Middleton.
Jacksonville—W. P. Kelly, J. H. Foyle.
Kenansville—By Letter.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring.
Lisbon—Willie Herring.
Maple Hill—
Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland, G. G. Best. A. B. Winders.
Masonboro—B. S. Mumford.
Moore's Creek—
Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, A. C. Peterson.
Mt. Olive—Rev. J. D. Newton, Rev. C. F. Hopper.
Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, J. F. McMillan.
Magnolia—John Hollingsworth.
Mt. Zion—
New Hope—J. A. Pollock.
Olive Branch—
Piney Grove—B. Hare, T. J. Wilson.
Poplar Grove—B. L. Scott.
Rose Hill—D. N. Page, C. Ketchew.
Riley's Creek—W. D. Hocutt, S. Blossom.
Sharon—W. D. Brock, M. T. Horn, J. F. Wallace.
Salem—D. R. Cannady.
Shiloh—A. J. Herring, G. A. Garris.
Siloam—F. A. Fennell.
Springvale—Oliver Blackburn, J. M. Marshburn.
Teachey's—J. D. Teachey, M. M. Murry, F. A. Savage.
Warsaw—L. R. Carroll, M. T. Murry.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith.
Wilmington—J. R. Marshall.
Willard—H. Powers

The following committees were appointed, viz:

Ministerial Education— Rev. J. D. Newton, T. W. Stallings, Sidney E. Johnson.

State Missions—Rev. J. T. Albritton, E. D. Walker, F. P. Flynn.

Home Missions—Rev. R. E. Peele, John Dobson, A. C. Peterson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. O.P. Meeks, Jno.Marshburn, G.A.Herring.

Baptist Orphanage—Rev. M. C. Walton, L.R.Highsmith, C.Harrall.

Ministerial Relief—Rev. C. F. Hopper, W. Sandling, W. P. Kelly.

Periodicals—Rev. S. D. Swaim, G. G. Best. Willie Herring.

Sunday Schools—Rev. W. L. Bilbro, W. H. Middleton, B. L. Scott.

Temperance—A. T. Herring, D. N. Page, John Hollingsworth.

Obituaries, to report at next Sesson— Rev. J. T. Albritton, L. R. Carroll, C. E. Daniel.

Nominate Executive Committee—Isaiah Carroll, W. B. Hocutt, Blackman Hare.

Audit Treasurer's Account—W. J. Montford. D. R. Cannady, Hanson Powers.

Nominate Preachers for Next Session— J. R. Marshall, L. M. Boykin, J. A. Pollock.

Finance—B. Matthews, F. M. Southerland, W. J. Fryar.

Committee of Arrangements—Deacons of Church, D. Shaw, S. Cox.

By motion, the letters from Johnson's, Boykin's Chapel, and Mt. Olive were laid on the table. Visiting Brethren were invited to seats.

Bro. J. B. Brewer, of Chowan Baptist Female Institute reported.

Report of committee of arrangements, as follows. Order of Session, Devotional exercises from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 o'clock. Associational business taken up at 10:00. Adjourning at 12:30 p. m. Assembling at 1:30. Adjourn at pleasure. By motion of Rev. J. T. Albritton, Bro. F. A. Fennell cast the vote of the association for the present officers. Motion by Rev. R. E. Peele, that Bro. J. B. Brewer, be allowed time on to-morrow, in behalf of school.

By motion, the association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30. Song, Doxology. Prayer by Rev. O. P. Meeks. Benediction by Rev. J. T. Albritton.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th. At 9:30.

Devotional exercises, Song "Alas," &c. 19th. Paslm read and Prayer by Rev. B. Ward, Song.

At 10:00 the Association meets, Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The letters fron Masonboro, Kenansville and Brooklyn churches read.

Rev. E. J. Edwards representing the Baptist Orphanage reported as a visitor to this body.

Report of Execctive Committee was read and pending a motion to adopt, the report of State Missions was read by Rev. J. T. Albritton.

By motion, the report after being discussed by Rev. J. T. Albritton, Bro. J. T. Bland, Rev. R. E. Peele, and Rev. O. P. Meeks, was adopted. The association then gave way for Bro. J. B. Brewer, who addressed the association in the interest of Chowan Baptist Female Institute.

The hour having arrived, the Association dispensed business for the Missionary Sermon by Rev. R. E. Peele.

Song, "Jesus Lover of my soul," &c.

Prayer, by J. T. Albritton,

24th. Psalm read.

Song, "Amazing Grace" &c.

Text, "Come" and "Go,"

Bro. J. T. Jenkins reported as agent for The North Carolina Baptist, and Bro. L. R. Carroll, for The Biblical Recorder.

By appointment, any member of the Association who shall attend the Session of any similar body, will be entitled to be a delegate to the Same. Preaching in the Methodist church, by J. T. Jenkins, at 2:15.

The report, on Obituaries, after being read by Rev. J. T. Albritton was adopted,

The report on Foreign Missions, after being discussed by Rev. O. P. Meeks, was adopted.

Report of committee to Audit Treasurer's account, was read and adopted.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report on the Baptist Orphanage was discussed by Rev. E. J. Edwards, and was then adopted; hat collection for same, $4.74.

The report of Committee on Stated Sermons was read and adopted.

The report of committee to nominate Executive committee was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Periodicals was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Minsterial Relief, was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

Song: "Doxology",

Benediction by Rev. M. C. Walton.

THURSDAY OCT. 6th. at 9:30.

Devotional exercises, Song, Prayer by Rev. J. T. Jenkins. The 11th. chapter of Ecclesiastes, read by Rev. J. D. Newton. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Newton. Song. Association meets. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The action of the Association by which a Treasurer was elected was by motion reconsidered; and thereupon, Bro. W. H. Middleton, was elected treasurer of the association.

Report on Centennial was read and adopted.

By motion the Treasurer is authorized to pay to the clerk, all the minute funds, and fifteen dollars for his service, and to Rev. E. J. Edwards, for the Baptist Orphanage, all the money in his hands for the same, and to the treasurer of the Executive committee, the amounts sent up to the association for State or associational missions, and to the Treasurer of

the Baptist State Convention, the amounts sent up for all the general objects.

The report of Finance committee, read and adopted.

By motion by clerk, Rev. J. T. Albritton, Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and Bro. L. R. Carroll, were appointed a committee to procure, if possible, a copy of each session of this association, since its organization, and turn the same over to the Clerk of the association for future reference. The Association decided to hold its next session with Johnson's Church.

At 10:30 Rev. J. T. Albritton preached in the Methodist church.

During the session of the association, at night, Rev. B. Ward, and Rev. O. P. Meeks, preached to large congregations.

By motion, the association adjourned to meet with Johnson's Church, near Warsaw, on Thursday after the 1st. Sunday in October, 1893. at 10:30 a. m.

RESOLUTIONS AS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered this church, and the community, for their hospitality in entertaining the Association, and also the Methodists of this village for the use of their House of worship, during this session.

OLIVER BLACKBURN.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered the officials of the C. F. & Y. V., the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina, and the W. W. R. Roads, for their kindness in tendering reduced rates on their respective Roads, to delegates and visitors to this body.

OLIVER BLACKBURN.

REPORTS AS ADOPTED.

HOME MISSIONS.

The board in charge of this work is located at Atlanta, Ga. The territory embraced includes the Southern States the Indian Territory and also the Island of Cuba. The purpose of this board is to supply the destitution within the above named field. The past year has been one of great progress, and the work is perhaps more encouraging than ever before. The great need of the field is men and women.

Your committee would recommend that we pray for laborers and the wherewith to sustain them, this means that we "Go or Send."

Respectfully Submitted,

R. E. Peele,
A. C. Peterson,
John Dobson. } Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Education board of Wake Forest College is aiding thirty-nine young men who believe that God has called them to the work of preaching the gospel. This Board is calling for funds, and they should be supplied by the churches of our State, and in part by our Association. Some of our best pastors at home and in foreign lands were aided in securing their education at Wake Forest. Several Brethren will be compelled to leave college for the lack of funds, unless the churches come to the help of the Board. Your committee would recommend very liberal contributions to this department of the Lord's Work.

We would not fail to mention also the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., an institution which lies very near the hearts of Southern Baptists. Some brethren from N. C. are being aided in prosecuting their theological studies by the Board of the Seminary. Send contributions to Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, Louisville, Ky.

J. D. Newton,
T. W. Stallings, } Committee.
S. E. Johnson.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that in their judgement, the improvements in our church member-ship should include methods in teaching temperance to our people. The awful evils of intemperance and the fearful waste of money, health and life are appalling. But more than all, the plain teachings of the word of God, that "No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God," should lead to plain, earnest, spiritual instruction and appeal. We believe that in addition to special lessons, Pastor, Superintendant and Teachers in all our Schools should be careful to teach the Christian virtue and important truth of temperance as other truths and virtues are taught, namely day by day, continually, and from every lesson wherever possible. We hold this truth to be self evident, that all Sunday School Officers and Teachers ought to be total abstainant men and women, and that in their class teaching and in the public statements from the platform, subjects of temperance should be frequently and earnestly advocated. The teachings of the Bible, the salvation of our people and the deliverance of our whole land from the curse of intemperance, and from the dominion of the liquor traffic, demand that the next generation be taught to love rightousness and hate this abominable iniquity.

Committee.

CENTENARY OF MISSIONS

Your Committee on the Centenary of Missions would urge upon our Churches to give a special contribution to the Centenary of Mission fund that our Southern Baptist Convention is endeavoring to raise for the ensuing year. We also recommend that the Sunday Schools at their earliest opportunity observe the Children's Day exercise provided by the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, and that the children and young people make use of the Chapel Cards provided for the Centennial Chapel Building Fund.

L. R. Carroll,
O. P. Meeks.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

This is an institution that appeals to the sympathies of every people in every land, much more ought it and does it appeal to all Christendom.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, is now supporting one hundred and twenty orphans, by the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of our State.

The property belonging to this institution consists of 300 acres of land, 15 buildings—all brick except one. The children are taught not only how to use their minds but their hands also—Head, heart and hand all receive the most careful training from competent Christian teachers. We recommend that all the churches and Sunday schools contribute regularly to this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Highsmith,
C. Harrell,
M. C. Walton.

NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate Executive Committee, recommend the following brethren: D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, F. A. Fennell, C. E. Daniel, J. T. Bland, B. S. Mumford, D. L. Gore, W. J. Fryar.

Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that they have no statistics in hand to enable them to make such a report as the importance of the work demands. As to the progress of this work as compared with that of last year, we cannot speak with accuracy. Yet we believe that, considering the general depression of our agricultural population, our State Mission work has been prosecuted with undiminished zeal and very gratifying success. We have, perhaps, 100 or more Mission-

aries working under the direction of our State Board of missions. There is, however, a falling off in the contributions of the brethren to this work, and the Board is calling upon us to come to their help with greater alacrity. Let us, brethren, cheer the hearts of our brethren of the Board by promptly and liberally responding to their appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. T. Albritton,
E. D. Walker,
F. P. Flynn,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Desiring to express heartfelt gratitude to the Father of Missions for his continuous blessings upon the time honored agencies employed by our denomination, and their wonderful success since the inauguration of modern missions by Wm. Carey, and, furthermore, believing the evangelization, of the World to be the chief work for which Jesus organized his church, we affectionately urge our brethren to give the work of our Foreign Board a larger share in their sympathies, their prayers and their contributions for the new century of effort before us.

O. P. Meeks,
J. Marshburn, } Committee.
G. A Herring,

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We have within the bounds of this Association fifty-five churches; forty-nine of these have organized Sunday Schools. About three hundred persons are engaged as teachers, and we have enrolled in the various schools twenty-five hundred scholars.

We believe that the Sunday school cause is in a more healthy condition than ever before, and that our people are becoming more aroused to the importance of the work. But there is yet great destitution among us, and it can be truthfully said, that the fields are white already to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Since the last session of the Association there have been some changes in our work. Bro. Peele, resigned at Brooklyn in Wilmington and was succeeded by Bro. J. T. Jenkins, and the work at that place seems to prosper in his hands.

In response to the call of the Churches constituting the Onslow fields your committee employed Bro. Peele, to take charge of that

work and also authorized him to press the work of State and Associational within our bounds. The salary was fixed at the rates of a thousand dollars a year including the amount raised on the Onslow field. Bro. Peele proposed, in order to further the work and lessen the expense, to hold meetings within and without our bounds as he had opportunity, and to apply the proceeds derived therefrom, barring extra expenses to his salary. As a result of this arrangement, the greater part of his salary has been paid in this way, and his employment has cost us less than we could have had the work done in any other way.

Our other Missionaries, Walton, at Teachey and Kerrs. Bilbro at Chinquapin and Hallsville,Swaim at Burgaw,and Hildreth at Willard and Blacks School house, have all done faithful and efficient work, not only on their respective fields, but have done much outside evangelistic work which has been blessed of the Lord. We are glad to report that the condition of the general work is more hopeful than heretofore. Multitudes have heard the word gladly from our missionaries and good results have followed their labors wherever they have preached. The churches have been quickened and many sons and daughters have been born to Zion.

As the work enlarges, the demand increases. New and unoccupied fields srpead out before us, and it becomes all to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, and this will stimulate us to give the wherewith to send them.

In conclusion, we recommend that the churches begin the collection of money for this object immediately after the Association and forward the same as collected to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee to meet the necessities of Missionaries on destitute fields, with little other means of support. Respectfully,

Committee.

OBITUARIES.

It is the mournful duty of your committee to chronicle the death of two of the ministers of this Association since the session of 1891.

Rev. Oliver M. Matthews, for many years associated with this body, was called away from a life of grest affiiction to a rest that remains to the people of God, near the close of 1891. We regret that we were laboring under the impression that our brother's decease occurred priort o date of the last session of this body; and that, therefore, we are compelled to write his obituary with very meagre information as to the leading events of his life.

Bro. Matthews was born about A. D. 1829, and was, therefore, about 63 years of age at the time of his death. At about 15 years of age, he was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Gilead church, Sampson county, by Elder Stephen Senter. The church, at that time worshipped at Red Hill, a short distance from the present place of worship. He entered the gospel ministry in the early part of the war between the States, and from that time to his death, he sought, to the extent of his ability, and by a holy, consistent life, to show

forth the excellency of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. His last days were spent in great affiiction, which he bore with commendable patience and resignation. While living in the city of Goldsboro, the summons came to exchange the cross for the crown and he joyfully entered into rest about the 1st of December, 1891.

Death has also removed from our midst, Rev. Wm. M. Kennedy, one of the most useful ministers ever connected with the Eastern Association. Brother Kennedy was born in Duplin county, N. C. August ——, 1825. He died June 6th, 1892, in the 67th year of his age, at the home of his son, Dr. William P. Kennedy, of Warsaw, N. C., whose filial devotion lightened the cares and mitigated the sorrows of his reverend father during the closing scenes of his well-spent life. When about 23 years of age, Bro, Kennedy professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church now known as Lanefield, but formerly called Johnson's, and at a still earlier date, Nahunga; this church was founded by Elder Francis Oliver, near the close of the last, or the beginning of the present century. The Cape Fear Association held its session of 1811 with this body. Its place of worship was, at that time, near Cooper's Mill, about five miles north of Kenansville, Duplin county. Not long after the baptism of Bro. Kennedy by Rev. Jesse Howell, the Johnson's church issued to him license to preach. The Union (now called Eastern) Association, at its session of 1849, recommended his ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry; and, in pursuance of this recommendation, a presbytery met at Johnson's on Saturday before the first Sunday in November of that year, and ordained brethren W. M. Kennedy, Alfred Guy and Stephen Guy to the full work of the ministry. In 1849, he was appointed as one of the ministers of the association. From this date onward till near the close of his life, he was engaged for the most part in mission work among the weak christians and destitute sections, in addition to the arduous duties of his many pastorates among the stronger churches of the Association. He consecrated his life and talents to the advancement of the Lord's kingdom in the Eastern Association, serving this body either as missionary, delegate to State and General Conventions, member of the Executive Board, or presiding officer over its deliberations. He filled the pastorate of many of our best and strongest churches, among which are Wells' Chapel, Mt. Olive, Beaufort, Concord, Mt. Holly, Riley's Creek and Island Creek. His first pastorate was, we believe, with the Island Creek brethren. Many of the churches of this body are living witnesses to the fidelity, ability and success that marked his pastoral labors. He enjoyed a few long pastorates, having served Mt. Holly about 30 years, and Riley's Creek about 39 years. The committee regret that they cannot approximate the number he baptized during his ministry. He baptized more than 100 at one time at Riley's Creek, and 112 at another time at Wells' Chapel. Although not 70 years of age at his death, he had out-lived nearly all of his contemporaries. When he first entered the Association in 1848 as a delegate and a young licentiate, he met with ministerial brethren James McDaniel, George Fennell, David Wells. Jesse Rogers, Hiram

Stallings. A. B. Alderman, Geo .W. Hufham, Louis F. Williams, Aaron Jones, Nathan Askew, Wm P. Biddle, M. F. Forey, and Alfred Guy. All these preceded our brother to the heavenly world, Among the layman whom he first met as co-laborors in the association were brethren Laban Carroll, Jno. D. Carroll, Louis Highsmith, Benjaman Oliver, and J. D. Boykin, these too,the last named excepted, who still linger on the shores of time, have crossed over the sea that divides that heavenly land from ours.

Farewell ye departed worthies! All sins forgiven, all tears wiped away, all griefs assuaged, ye have entered into the glorious rest of God's redeemed, having gilded the scenes through which you passed with the mild radiance of the evening glory, and left behind you memorials to stimulate commendable deeds in those who survive you, it is our privilege to contemplate the luminous path you have trod, and pursue the same beaten way to glory and immortality!

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. Albritton for Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is a fact to be deplored and at the same time exceedingly hard to remedy, that so few of our people take and read any of our denominational papers. It would be presuming upon th eintelligence of this body, composed; for the most part of the representatives of our churches, not to suppose that they are to some extent aware of the great loss to our denomination caused by this vast and palpable neglect. To inform ourselves about the various enterprises and operations of our great denomination is not only a privalege of our people but a positive duty. The almost universal ignorance of the great Baptist brotherhood respecting their own work in both home and foreign lands is appalling. Failure to inform ourselves along these lines means failure to do anything for God and humanity, along these lines. And many of our dear people have concluded that 'blissful ignorance" is going to excuse them, but not so. The question might be asked just here, how shall this matter be remedid? and the only true answer comes back, by reading The Recorder, The N. C. Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children, or some other religious periodicals. We suggest that the best means to this end is for the pastors to lay this matter before their people from their pulpits and by personal contact as well. As to the literature to be used in our Sunday Schools let each School take its choice between the Kind Words Series and the lessons published by The American Baptist Publishing Society.

Respectfully Submitted
S. D. Swaim,
G G Best,
Willie Herring.
} Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Baptist State Convention being unwilling to see any of its

faithful ministers suffer for the necesities of life, appointed a Board now located at Durham, N. C., to receive and disburse funds for the relief of aged and disabled Baptist Ministers of the State. Bro. Melke of Lumberton left propertry said to be worth $6,000,00 to this object but it will probably be several years before the Board will realize this money. The Board has on its list—beneficiaries, as these are to be supported by gifts of individuals and churches, we recommend that both do all they can for this object, and also make pledges for this purpose. As it is not the policy of the convention to endorse this Board, we would further recommend that the deacons and pastors constantly keep this object before the churches, and that funds be raised and forwarded at once.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND AUDITING COMMITTEE.

S. M. Carlton, Treasurer of the Eastern Association, in account 1891. To amount received from all sources, - - - $852.95

CREDITOR

State Missions,	$ 25.00	
Foreign Missions,	136.11	
Home Missions,	71.22	
Education,	68.25	
Sunday School,	.50	
Colportage,	1.25	
Ministerial Relief Fund,,	94.00	
Baptist Orphanage,	76.82	
Associational Missions,	312.50	
Minute Fund,	52.30	
Clerk of Sessions,	15.00	
	$852.90	$852.95

Respectfully Submitted, S. M. Carlton.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, report that we have received the account and compared the voucher and find the same correct.

W. J. Montfort,
Hanson Powers, } Committee.
D. R. Canady.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent up with letters, - - - $710.1

Appropriated as follows:

Ministerial Education,	$ 71.60
State or Asssociational Missions,	266.24
Home Missions,	46.17
Foreign Missions,	164.01
Baptist Orphanage,	24.85
Havana House,	7.05
Ministerial Relief,	57.49
Other Objects,	31.53

Minute Fund,	- - -	41.17
	Total,	$710.11
Amount sent off,	- - -	709.44
	Grand Total,	$1.419.55

Included in the above amount for State or Associatlonal Missions were the following pledges, which were paid to Committee, viz, W. P. Kelly, $2.50. J. T. Jenkins, $2,50. Thad Jones, Jr.,$5.00. H. H. Hewlet, $2.00. Mrs. D. B. Brown $1.00.

Respectfully

B. Matthews,
W. . Fryar,
F. W. Sotherland. } Committee.

The above is in excess $3.30 by error.

PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee recommend that the next session meet with the church at Johnson's, Thursday after the First Sunday in October, 1893.

STATED SERMONS

Introductory Sermon by, Rev. J. T. Jenkins.
Alternate Sermon by, Rev. J. D. Newton.
Missionary Sermon by, Rev. J. T. Albritton.

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS. Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	LOSSES. Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	MEMBERSHIP. White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total Membership.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow Chapel	10	..	..	..	4		38	47	..	85	4th Sunday.
Bethel	14	4	2	2	1	2	48	85	..	133	4th Sunday.
Beulah	..	6	..	1	..	3	53	62	..	115	3rd Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	6	8	1	4	..	2	55	96	..	151	1st Sunday.
Berea	3	....	..	....	1	..	37	46	..	83	2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....
Bethlehem	3	3	2	3	1	3	73	86	..	159	1st Sunday.
Bear Marsh	7	..	1	..	..	1	43	88	..	131	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw	....	8	..	1	..	1	37	42	..	79	4th Sunday.
Brooklyn	12	10	..	5	18	1	111	152	..	263	2 times each Sunday.
Clinton	1	2	..	5	..	..	....	....	..	2 3	1st and 3rd Sundays.
Concord	3	2	2	4	..	3	36	61	..	97	1st Sunday.
Corinth	18	3	..	4	1	1	50	74	..	124	2nd Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	....	..	1	2	..	..	20	26	..	46	1st Sunday.
Caintuck Chap'l	16	9	1	5	4	..	69	68	..	137	3rd Sunday.
Caswell	10	7	1	....	2	1	29	41	..	70	4th Sunday.
Catharine Lake	..	....	..	..	..	1	4	13	..	17	4th Sunday.
Dobson's Chap'l	3	1	1	....	..	2	..	....	..	99	4th Sunday.
Ebenezer	17	3	..	2	..	1	30	29	..	59	3rd Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	2	..	..	..	..	1	31	45	..	76	1st Sunday.
Faison's	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
Hallsville	8	..	2	..	1	3	37	78	..	115	2nd Sunday.
Haw Bluff	3	5	..	1	7	5	54	82	..	136	3rd Sunday.
Hermon	..	..	..	....	..	..	15	17	..	32	....
Island Creek	..	....	..	1	1	2	54	100	..	154	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	....	7	2	7	1	2	51	77	8	136	1st Sunday.
Jacksonville	..	2	..	1	..	..	5	6	..	11	2nd Sunday.
Kenansville	4	2	..	1	..	..	32	51	..	83	2nd Sunday.
Long Creek	2	3	3	6	..	3	42	70	..	112	4th Sunday.
Lisbon	24	2	2	6	..	1	49	59	..	108	1st Sunday.
Maple Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
Mary's Chapel	3	..	..	4	..	1	32	55	..	87	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	1	5	2	..	3	2	55	94	1	150	1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
Mt. Gilead	3	1	1	7	..	..	84	116	..	200	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Olive	2	3	2	2	2	5	42	82	..	124	1st and 4th Sundays.
Mt. Holly	3	4	..	4	2	2	58	79	..	137	2nd Sunday.
Magnolia	8	1	2	4	3	1	....	....	..	136	4th Sunday.
Mt. Zion	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....
New Hope	2	3	..	4	..	2	67	112	..	179	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....
Piney Grove	3	..	..	....	..	2	53	77	4	134	3rd Sunday.
Poplar Grove	4	1	1	..	..	2	54	56	..	110	1st Sunday.
Rose Hill	..	....	..	3	..	..	5	10	..	15	3rd Sunday.
Riley's Creek	60	7	..	5	2	5	84	128	..	212	3rd Sunday.
Sharon	16	..	..	....	..	..	25	46	..	71	2nd Sunday.
Salem	2	1	..	....	2	2	12	25	..	37	3rd Sunday.
Shiloh	..	6	..	7	3	3	83	118	..	201	3rd Sunday.
Siloam	5	3	..	1	2	3	53	62	..	115	3rd Sunday.
Spring Vale	11	3	..	4	1	1	42	57	..	99	2nd Sunday.
Teachey's	19	6	..	..	1	1	43	57	..	100	2nd Sunday.
Warsaw	4	6	5	7	..	4	88	140	..	228	2nd and 4th Sundays
Well's Chapel	6	2	1	4	..	..	113	122	..	235	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington	66	22	2	16	15	6	181	308	..	489	2 times each Sunday.
Willard	2	1	1	3	4	1	53	46	..	99	1st Sunday.
Total	386	162	38	136	82	82	2330	3391	13	6202	—

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Number Schools.	Number Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number Volumes in Library.	Number Kind Words Taken.	Number Baptist Teachers Taken.	Number other Papers Taken.	No. Months School Kept Open.
Barlow Chapel	Jas. Anders, Sloop Point	1	7	53	37	....	....	....	4	12
Bethel	I. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge	2	10	50	30	....	50	....	....	12
Beulah	F. I. Faison, Turkey	1	4	30	15	....	....	....	6	12
Boykin's Chapel	H. E. Peterson, Clinton	2	12	90	70	....	....	....	.. .	12
Berea	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bear Branch		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bethlehem	W. A. Keith, Keith	1	8	58	35	100	....	..	....	12
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive	1	6	56	30	....	....	....	....	12
Burgaw	J. C. Carroll, Burgaw	1	6	50	45	..	....	....	60	12
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall, Wilmington	1	28	212	151	....	365	25	400	12
Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton	1	10	100	80	....	....	10	1	12
Concord	W. D. Williss, Magnolia	1	6	70	35	....	....	....	....	12
Corinth	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	1	5	69	70	....	28	....	...	9
Colvin's Creek	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson	1	4	35	20	50	....	....	....	12
Caintuck Chap'l	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore	1	8	78	45	160	....	....	10	12
Caswell	Wm. Malpass, Point Caswell	1	5	68	37	....	....	4	16	12
Catharine Lake		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Dobson's Chap'l	John Dobson, Kenansville	1	7	55	25	....	....	....	....	12
Ebenezer	Robert Highsmith, Coharie	1	4	30	24	....	....	....	....	9
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee, Richland	1	6	72	45	....	....	....	...	12
Faison's		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hallsville	W. J. Sandlin, Hallsville	1	6	30	15	....	....	....	....	12
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder	2	8	110	80	100	....	....	..	12
Hermon	T. W. Britt, Clinton	1	4	25	20	....	..	....	3	12
Island Creek	C. Harrell, Teachey's	1	5	45	30	....	....	....	..	9
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	1	7	60	38	....	....	6	50	12
Jacksonville		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Kenansville	Thad. Jones, Jr., Kenansville	1	6	25	18	30	....	....	....	12
Long Creek	Mrs. M. E. Herring, Long Creek	1	7	58	27	....	....	....	13	8
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run	1	8	76	50	....	.. .	5	53	12
Maple Hill		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw	1	6	38	25	....	....	....	24	12
Masonboro	E. Hewlett, Wilmington	1	7	93	65	....	....	....	65	12
Moore's Creek		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Mosley, Taylor's Bridge	3	15	111	80	....	....	2	8	12
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mt Olive	1	9	75	60	30	....	2	90	12
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll, South Washington	1	7	54	35	....	....	....	15	12
Magnolia	Miss Bertha Johnson, Magnolia	1	10	75	50	50	....	....	....	12
Mt. Zion		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, J. A. Blanchard, M. I. Rivenbark, Turkey	3	12	125	100	....	....	....	....	12
Olive Branch		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Piney Grove	W. I. Lane, Faison's	1	3	80	30	....	....	....	30	8
Poplar Grove	J. H. Darden, Faison's	1	6	73	40	....	....	....	....	12
Rose Hill		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek	1	6	72	30	100	....	....	....	12
Sharon	M. T. Horne, Wallace	1	4	50	50	....	....	....	....	12
Salem	J. S. Cannady, Sneed's Ferry	1	8	55	40	....	....	....	1	8
Shiloh	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek	1	4	60	50	100	6	5	39	12
Siloam	J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store	1	7	55	45	....	50	4	....	12
Spring Vale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	7	40	20	25	....	....	16	9
Teachey's	J. D. Teachey, Teachey's	1	5	40	30	50	..	....	....	12
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	8	75	65	....	....	....	....	12
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	1	9	100	....	....	....	....	....	12
Wilmington	C. C. Brown, Wilmington	2	37	205	175	....	....	....	....	12
Willard	D. V. Butler, Willard	1	4	39	30	....	36	....	....	12

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State or Asso'l Miss's.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	By Woman's Miss. Society.	Total Contributions for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel	$ 75 00	$ 25 00	$ 1 00	$	$ 14 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$	$ 1 00	$ 13 00	$ 136 00
Bethel	100 00	41 17	2 50	15 00	1 25	5 00	5 93	1 00	6 00	1 00	.....	178 85
Beulah	75 00	.....	39	6 82	1 75	1 33	3 88	1 29	.....	80	.....	91 26
Boykin's Chapel	100 00	.....	2 50	6 00	1 00	2 50	.....	1 00	2 30	1 00	.....	116 30
Berea	.....	50 00	1 00	2 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 65	80	.....	57 95
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	110 00	.....	3 91	8 82	3 92	9 41	6 16	2 42	13 10	1 50	.....	159 24
Bear Marsh	125 00	15 00	2 00	6 50	2 50	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	159 00
Burgaw	100 00	.....	3 00	12 50	1 00	12 31	.....	2 00	7 00	1 00	.....	138 81
Brooklyn	800 00	1,009 00	.....	15 11	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	22 15	.....	25 00	1,885 26
Clinton	300 00	30 00	5 00	11 31	5 00	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	372 81
Concord	125 00	12 50	2 00	8 00	.....	2 00	2 00	50	.....	50	.....	152 50
Corinth	.....	.....	1 50	7 50	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	60	.....	13 60
Colvin's Creek	36 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	50	.....	38 60
Caintuck Chapel	125 00	.....	1 00	18 00	1 00	5 00	.....	4 00	10 00	1 00	.....	165 00
Caswell	125 00	34 81	1 91	13 25	.....	.....	7 21	1 17	4 00	95	.....	188 30
Catherine Lake	18 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	12 00	25	.....	430 75
Dobson's Chapel	100 00	4 15	5 00	15 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	4 70	75	11 03	153 63
Ebenezer	100 00	8 00	52	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 02	.....	.....	64	.....	120 18
Emma's Chapel	100 00	40 00	.....	13 25	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	158 25
Faison's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallsville	60 00	75 00	1 00	6 25	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	55	.....	150 80
Haw Bluff	75 00	30 00	.....	2 16	1 00	1 00	3 25	50	.....	50	.....	113 41
Herman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	70	.....	.....	50	.....	3 20
Island Creek	100 00	.....	3 00	12 00	2 00	8 00	2 39	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	130 39
Johnson's	150 00	20 00	5 00	15 00	2 50	10 00	3 17	2 50	7 00	1 43	.....	216 60

Jacksonville	22 80				1 00	1 60	50			50		26 40
Kenansville	130 00	12 78	5 00	12 50	2 00	10 00		3 00	25 78			201 06
Long Creek	75 00			1 56		1 56				1 00		79 12
Lisbon	125 00	110 00	1 70	15 00	5 00		9 05	1 16	7 05	15		274 11
Maple Hill												
Mary's Chapel				5 00		2 00		1 00		1 00		9 00
Masonboro	100 00	40 00	2 00	12 50	7 00	5 00	7 25	1 00		1 00		175 75
Moore's Creek												
Mt. Gilead	125 00		10 00	19 31	3 00	14 56		5 00	29 00	1 50	40 87	248 24
Mt. Olive	350 00	40 00		13 00	4 12	8 00	7 75		20 64	1 35	14 35	459 21
Mt. Holly	85 00		1 00	8 05	1 00	3 00	5 00	1 00		1 25	1 00	106 30
Magnolia	100 00	30 00	1 00	10 00	3 00	10 00			24 00			178 00
Mt. Zion												
New Hope	125 00	100 00	5 00	15 00	6 18	10 00	6 02	2 61		1 00		270 81
Olive Branch												
Piney Grove	100 00			8 00		5 00	2 06			1 00		116 06
Poplar Grove	75 00	100 00		2 27	44	5 00	75			1 00		184 46
Rose Hill	50 00			5 00			3 00			40		58 40
Riley's Creek	125 00			5 75	1 00			3 00		1 50	2 00	138 25
Sharon	70 00	4 25	1 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	1 55			1 00		87 80
Salem	28 00	20 00		5 56						1 05		54 61
Shiloh	125 00	6 45		12 07	3 00	5 00	3 28	2 50		1 00		158 30
Siloam	125 00	15 00	3 00	15 00	3 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	24 50	1 00	3 35	219 85
Spring Vale	100 00		2 50	7 50	1 00	2 50		1 00	33 47	1 25		149 22
Teachey's	100 00	50 00	1 50	8 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 50		1 50		169 50
Warsaw	300 00	35 00	5 85	12 50	25 00	11 00	13 00	4 70	5 00	2 00	12 50	426 55
Well's Chapel	150 00		5 00	15 00	1 60	24 15	5 00	2 24	13 00	1 00		216 99
*Wilmington	2,262 05	896 08					149 42		320 00			3,627 55
Willard	100 00	50 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	3 00		1 00		85		161 85
Total	$7,851 85	$3,304 19	$87 78	$421 64	$122 76	$234 42	$280 34	$68 09	$593 34	$43 07	$120 10	13,128 08

* The Clerk learned, through Dr. Pritchard, that Wilmington church paid in addition to the above $250.00 for State Missions, $119.00 to Havannah House, and $75.00 to Ministerial Education—and other amounts he could not give.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.
Barlow Chapel	J. H. Dobson, Warsaw	A. W. King, Sloop Point
Bethel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	Maury, Joford
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Turkey	C. J. Thomson, Turkey
Boykin's Chapel	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	L. M. Boykin, Clinton
Berea		J. A. Southerland, Wallace
Bear Branch		
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Keith	W. A. Keith, Keith
Bear Marsh	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. E. Swinson, Mount Olive
Burgaw	L. D. Swain, Wilmington	J. D. Hocut, Ashton
Brooklyn	J. T. Jenkins, Wilmington	J. F. Standland, Wilmington
Clinton	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	W. H. Stetson, Clinton
Concord	C. F. Hopper, (called) Mt. Olive	W. A. Moore, Magnolia
Corinth	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill
Colvin's Creek	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson
Caintuck Chap'l	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	D. G. Corbett, Nat Moore
Caswell	J. H. Hildreth, Point Caswell	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell
Catharine Lake	R. E. Peele, Burgaw	John Marshburn, Catharine Lake
Dobson's Chap'l	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	John Dobson, Kenansville
Ebenezer	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	R. Highsmith, Coharie
Emma's Chapel	R. E. Peele, Burgaw	G. M. Barbee, Richlands
Faison's		
Hallsville	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh
Haw Bluff	R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro	N. R. Croom, Colly
Hermon		
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive	J. M. Wallace, Cavenaugh
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw
Jacksonville	R. E. Peele, Burgaw	Henrietta Jarman, Jacksonville
Kenansville	J. D. Newton, Mount Olive	A. D. Ward, Kenansville
Long Creek	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	G. A. Herring, Long Creek
Lisbon	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	W B Lamb, Ingold
Maple Hill		
Mary's Chapel	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw
Masonboro	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	B. S. Mumford, Wilmington
Moore's Creek		
Mt. Gilead	C. F. Hopper, Mount Olive	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge
Mt. Olive	J. D. Newton, Mount Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mount Olive
Mt. Holly		Isaiah Carroll, South Washington
Magnolia	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	G. W. Swinson, Magnolia
Mt. Zion		F. F. Newton, Kerr's
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs
Olive Branch		L. Sneed, Wilmington
Piney Grove	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive	W. I. Lane, Faison
Poplar Grove	J. O. Tew, Clinton	W. D. Stevens, Faison
Rose Hill	J. H. Dobson, Catharine Lake	D. N. Page, Tar Landing
Riley's Creek	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	J. T. Larkins, Rocky Point
Sharon	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	W. D Brock, Cavenaugh
Salem		J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Keith	A. T. Herring, Moore's Creek
Siloam	J. L. Stewart, (called) Clinton	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store
Spring Vale	R. C. Sandling Harrell's Store	J. M. Marshburn, Taylor's Bridge
Teachey's	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's
Warsaw	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw
Well's Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	L. D. Highsmith, Bland
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Willard	J. T. Howell, Wilmington	F. P. Powers, Willard

PLEDGES.

INDIVIDUALS FOR	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.
I. C. Walton	..	1 00
V. L. Bilbro	..	1 00
. E. Peele	..	1 00
. D. Swaim	..	1 00
dams' School House	..	1 00
. G. Best	5 00	..
Total	5 00	5 00

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR	State or Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Grand Total.
Barlow Chapel	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	$ 10 00
Bethel	10 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	....	2 50	22 50
Beulah	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Boykin's Chapel	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	....	2 00	10 00
Berea	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	5 00
Bear Branch	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bethlehem	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	10 00
Bear Marsh	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	....	2 00	26 00
Burgaw	20 00	1 00	....	3 00	....	2 00	40 00
Brooklyn	30 00	....	3 00	5 00	....	5 00	40 00
Clinton	10 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	....	1 00	14 00
Concord	8 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	....	2 00	10 00
orinth	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	....	....	....
Colvin's Creek	....	....	....	....	....	4 00	30 00
Caintuck Chap'l	18 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	....	3 00	17 00
Caswell	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	....	50	2 50
Catharine Lake	50	50	50	50	....	3 00	31 00
Dobson's Chap'l	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	....	....
Ebenezer	....	....	....	....	....	....	18 00
Emma's Chapel	10 00	5 00	3 00	....	....	....	....
Faison's	....	....	....	....	....	1 00	12 00
Hallsville	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	....	....	....
Haw Bluff	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hermon	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	24 00
Island Creek	10 00	2 00	8 00	2 00	....	2 50	36 00
Johnson's	15 00	5 00	10 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	6 00
Jacksonville	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	3 00	31 50
Kenansville	12 50	2 00	10 00	4 00	....	....	....
Long Creek	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	20 00
Lisbon	10 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	....	....	....
Maple Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	22 50
Masonboro	12 50	2 00	5 00	1 00	....	....	....
Moore's Creek	....	....	....	....	....	5 00	25 00
Mt. Gilead	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	....	2 00	26 00
Mt. Olive	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	....	2 00	15 00
Mt. Holly	8 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	....	4 00	20 00
Magnolia	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	....	....	....
Mt. Zion	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	20 00
New Hope	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	....	....	....
Olive Branch	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	12 00
Piney Grove	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	....	....	7 00
Poplar Grove	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	5 00
Rose Hill	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 00	15 00
Riley's Creek	6 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	....	1 00	12 00
Sharon	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	....	1 00	5 00
Salem	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	6 00
Shiloh	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	32 50
Siloam	15 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	....	5 00	....
Spring Vale	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Teachey's	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	....	2 00	18 00
Warsaw	20 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	....	5 00	60 00
Wells Chapel	15 00	....	....	5 00	....	5 00	25 00
Wilmington	250 00	50 00	200 00	75 00	....	50 00	625 00
Willard	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	6 00
Total	565 00	148 50	351 50	164 00	8 50	135 50	$1,373 00

the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the mojority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer of Ministers Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaeous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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OF THE

Fiftieth Annual Session

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Johnson's,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1893.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING:—

TIME—Tuesday after the First Sunday in October, 1894.

Introductory Sermon—By ELDER R. C. SANDLING.

Alternate—ELDER W. L. BILBRO.

Missionary Sermon—By ELDER W. B. OLIVER.

Alternate—ELDER O. P. MEEKS.

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Oliver Blackburn, Ingold, N. C.

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B. S. Montford,	C. E. Daniel,	J. A. McDougal.

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W. E. Crocker,	Mt. Olive,	"
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J. L. Stewart,	Clinton,	"
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John Marshall,	Wilmington,	"
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D. W. Herring, (Missionary,)	———	China.

PROCEEDINGS.

Devotional exercises. Song. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Stewart.

The Eastern Association met in its Fiftieth Annual Session with the church at Johnson's, Tuesday, Oct 3rd, 1893.

Morning lesson was read by Rev. O. P. Meeks from Luke, 22nd chapter.

In the absence of the appointees, Rev. O. P. Meeks preached the Introductory Sermon. Text from 1st Cor. 11:26.

Prayer by Rev. R. T. Bryan, (Missionary).

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

According to adjournment, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Song. The 19th Psalm was read by Moderator Rev. J. L. Stewrt. Prayer by Rev. R. C. Sandling.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of Johnson's Church, and brethren K. Vann, G. A. Herring.

Preaching at the stand by Rev. R. E. Peele.

Finance Committee—C. Daniel, A. R. Herring and J. F. Lewis.

Reading Clerks—Maury Ward and T. A. Fennell.

The following report was offered by the Committee of Arrangements and was adopted:

Devotional Exercises. from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 o'clock, conducted by Elder L. L. Finch. Associational business taken up at 10:00.

Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder R. T. Bryan. Preaching to night by Rev. C. J. Stringfield.

By the request of J. T. Albritton, Rev R. T Bryan, Missionary from China, was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon in the place of Rev. J. T. Albritton, the appointee.

Church Letters were read and the following delegates were enrolled, viz:

Barlow Chapel, by letter
Bethel, C. R. Smith, W. N. Johnson, Maury Ward.
Beulah, F. J. Faison, E. F. Britt, John Walters.
Boykin's Chapel, W. H. Boykin, S. M. Boykin,
Bere, T. W. Stallings, Joe. Brooks, M. T. Wells
Bear Branch, ——
Bethlehem, R. W. Pridgen, Isaiah Pridgen, Alonzo Pridgen.
Bear Marsh, ——
Burgaw J. W. Bowen, O. J. Peterson, J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn, W. H. Strickland, Z. E. Murrill, S. D. Swaim.
Clinton, H. B. Giddens W. E. Stevens.
Concord, L. R. Matthis, L. T. Kenedy, J. C. Boon.
Corinth, S. E. Johnson. J. G. Boon.
Calvin's Creek. ——
Caintuck Chapel, by letter.
Caswell, W. J. Hollingsworth, C. F. Bloodworth, J. S. Pope.

Catherine Lake, ——
Castle Hayne, Rev. J. C. Crumpler, S. Blossom, Wm. Blossom.
Dobson's Chapel, W. H. Murry, O. D. Bostick, D. L. Dobson
Ebenezer, Seavey Highsmith, J. Highsmith, J. A. Tatum.
Emma's Chapel, T D Shaw, F F Barbee.
Hallsville, E. W. Farrior, E W. Bruton.
Haw Bluff, L. C. Braswell.
Herman, J. W Britt, J. E. Britt, W. H. Odum.
Island Creek, E. Hilt, S H. Cavenaugh, W. J Mallard.
Johnson's, D. J. Middleton, H. S. Boyette, A. Phillips.
Jacksonville, ——
Kenansville, L. M Cooper, B. C Barden, J. W Stokes.
Long Creek, G. A. Herring, W. D. Malpass, E. A. Pigford.
Lisbon. W. B Lamb, D. L. Herring, J. C. Herring.
Maple Hill, J. K. James, J. R Marsaburn.
Mary's Chapel, F. M Southerland, G. A Stokes, H. F. Houston.
Masonboro, B. S. Montford, M C. alton
Moore's Creek, ——
Mt. Gilead, B. Matthews, A. C. Peterson, T. J. H. Peterson.
Mt. Olive, O. Summerlin. Geo. Albritton, D. A. Thompson.
Mt. Holly, I. Carroll, B. Carroll, O. W. Carter.
Magnolia, J. W Swinson.
Mt Zion, ——
New Hope, C. E Daniel, J. A. Blanchard, L. C. Carlton.
Olive Branch, ——
Piney Grove, J. E. Boyette, J. C. Hines, W. J Weeks.
Poplar Grove, ——
Rose Hil ——
Riley's Creek, W. B. Hocut, D. J. Lewis, J. W. Keith.
Sharon, D. L. Sheffield, J. F. Wallace.
Salem, J. D. Congleton.
Shiloh, A T Herring, G. A Garris, H A. Bland.
Siloam, J. F. Lewis, F, A. Fennell, W P Ward
Spring Vale, A. Robinson, K. Vann, O. Blackburn.
Teachey's, T. H. Carter, F A. Savage, A F. Bland.
Warsaw, H. G. Owens, S. M. Carlton, B. L. Ezzel
Well's Chapel, L. K. L R. Highsmith, Rev. F. T. Wooten
Wilmington, Rev. W. B. Oliver, R. B. Moore, J R. Marshall,
Willard, O. R Garris, D. B Dempsy, D. V. Butler.

Motion by Rev. W. B. Oliver, that the rules be suspended and that the clerk cast the ballot of the Association for Rev. J. L. Stewart for Moderator. Rev. J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator.

Motion by Rev. R. C. Sandling, that F. A. Fennell cast the ballot of the Association for Oliver Blackburn for Clerk. Oliver Blackburn was re-elected Clerk.

Motion by Bro. F. A. Fennell, that the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer. W. H. Middleton was re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and the following brethren responded: Brethren I. Royal, Moderator of the South River Association; J. B. Brewer, of the Chowan Baptist Institute, Murfreesboro; Rev. G. L. Finch, of the Atlantic Association; Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Central Association; Rev. D. W. Herring, Missionary from China; Rev. A. Butler, Rev. R. T. Bryan, Missionary from China, and were recognized.

Petitionary letters were then called for and thereupon, the

church at Castle Hayne presented a letter asking admission into the Association. The matter was referred to Revs. J. T. Albritton, W. B. Oliver, and Mr. C. Walton. The above named committee reported favorably. Report was adopted, and the hand of church fellowship was extended to the delegates.

The following committees were appointed, viz:

Ministerial Education, Rev. W. B. Oliver, H. B. Giddens, E. Johnson.

State Missions, Rev. R. E. Peele, C. F. Bloodworth, J. C. Boon.

Home Missions, Rev D W. Herring, W. H. Murry, T. W. Stallings

Foreign Missions, Rev. R. T. Bryan, L. R. Highsmith, A. D. Ward.

Baptist Orphanage, Rev. F. T. Wooten, B. S. Montford, L. M. Boykin.

Ministerial Relief, Rev. R. C. Sandling, T. Barbee, T. W. Britt.

Periodicals, Rev. S D. Swaim, E. Heldt, W. B. Lamb.

Sunday Schools, Rev. O. P. Meeks, J. K. James, F. M. Southerland

Temperance, Rev. G. S. Best, B. Matthews, O. Summerlin.

Obituaries, Rev. J. T. Albritton, Isaiah Carroll, J. E. Boyette.

Nominate Executive Committee, Rev. M. C. Walton, J. F. Wallace, J. L Boykin.

Audit Treasurer's Account, A. D. Ward, J. T. Bland, R. B. Moore.

Nominate Preachers for next Session, W. E. Stevens, A. F. Robinson, A. T. Herring.

General Education, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, J. B. Brewer, John Royal.

Motion by Rev. W. B. Oliver, that any brother of this Association visiting any other Association be considered a delegate from this body to the same.

Rev. J. T. Albritton reported that he had copies of the minutes of this Association for the following years, from 1844 to 1866 inclusive, except 1849, 1859, 1861, and 1866.

The report was adopted.

Announcements.—Preaching at night in this church by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. At Warsaw, by Rev. W. B. Oliver. At Magnolia, by Rev. D. W. Herring, (Missionary).

The Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Butler.

SECOND DAY.—Wednesday, Oct. 4th.

Devotional services. Song. Morning lesson was read by Rev. G. L. Finsh from 46th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Marshal.

According to adjournment, the Association met and was called to order by the Moderator. Roll call and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. The following brethren responded, viz: Rev. W. E. Crocker, Bro. B. S. Peterson, for the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. C. Durham, D. D. for State Missions, Rev. C. C. Newton, (Missionary from Africa), Bro. E. E. Hilliard, for Wake Forest College, Bro. J. C. Caddell, for Biblical Recorder, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, for Oxford Female College, and Rev. J. L. Carroll,

D. D., of the Mt. Zion Association. Bro. Carroll delivered a message of remembrance from the venerable Jesse Howell to the Association.

Report on State Missions was read by Rev. R. E. Peele, and in connection the report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. J. T. Bland, and pending a motion for the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Revs. C. Durham and R. E. Peele.

Motion, that special order for Missionary Sermon for this hour be postponed for one half hour. Motion prevailed.

Discussion again engaged in by Rev J. T. Jenkins.

At this period the list of Churches was called and pledges made for the deficit on the past year's work were made as follows:

Pledges for Deficit. Churches.	For State Missions for 1893.
Barlow Chapel	$ 1 00
Bethel	2 50
Beulah	1 00
Boykin's Chapel	3 00
Berea	1 00
Burgaw	5 00
Brooklyn	7 00
Clinton	9 00
Caintuck Chapel	1 00
Castle Hayne, paid	1 00
Dobson's Chapel	2 50
Emma's Chapel	....
Hallsville, paid	2 00
Herman, T. Britt	25
Island Creek	2 00
Johnson's	2 00
Jacksonville,	10 00
Kenansville	3 50
Lisbon, paid	1 00
Masonboro	3 00
Moore's Creek	....
Mt. Gillead	2 00
Mt. Olive, D. Thompson, paid	1 00
Mt. Holly	1 50
New Hope	2 00
Olive Branch	....
Piney Grove	....
Poplar Grove	....
Rose Hill	5 00
Riley's Creek	1 00
Sharon	1 00
Shiloh	3 00
Siloam	5 00
Spring Vale	2 00
Warsaw	5 00
Well's Chapel	3 00
Wilmington	110 00
Willard	1 00

The Reports on State and Association Missions, as read, were adopted.

The Association suspended business to hear the Missionary Sermon by Rev. R. T. Bryan, Missionary from China. Prayer by Rev. C. Durham. Song, "There is a Fountain filled with Blood," &c. Judges, 4th chapter, was read. Text, 14th verse: "And Deborah said unto Borak, up," &c.

Cash collections for Foreign Missions $12.78.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. The Reports on Ministerial and General Education were read by Revs. W. B. Oliver and O. L. Stringfield, respectively. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Bro. E. E. Hilliard, Rev. J. L. Carroll, D. D., Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Bro. J. B. Brewer. Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Bro. J. B. Brewer. Report adopted.

Report of Committee of Arrangements, adopted as follows:

Order of session for to-morrow: Devotional Exercises, from 9:30 a. m., to 10:00 o'clock, conducted by Bro. Marshall, J. R.

Aasociation business taken up at 10:00 o'clock.

Preaching at 11:00 by Elder Herring.

Report of Finance Committee adopted.

Report on Periodicals made special order for to-morrow 10:00. Preaching at the stand by Rev. W. E. Crocker.

Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. D. W. Herring. The report was made a special order for to-morrow, 10:30.

Report to name Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Report on Baptist Orphanage was read and made a special order for to-morrow 11 o'clock.

Report on Sunday-schools was read and adopted.

Association adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 9:30. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Jenkins.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH.

According to adjournment, the Association met. Song. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Marshall. The 1st chapter of 2nd Peter was read by Bro. J. R. Marshall for our morning lesson. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Walton. Song.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. The Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. Roll called, and the delegates enrolled.

The Report on Periodicals was taken up as special order. Pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Bro. J. C. Caddell.

The Moderator gave notice that the hour had arrived for Special Order No. 2, "Home Missions," was taken up, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Revs. D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan. Report adopted.

Time was extended to Bro. B. S. Peterson, of "The North Carolina Baptist."

The hour having arrived for Special Order No. 3, "The Baptist

Orphanage," was taken up, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Rev. F. T. Wooten. The report was made a special order for 2 o'clock p. m.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. R. T. Bryan, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Revs. R. T. Bryan, D. W. Herring (Missionaries from China), and W. E. Brocker.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order. The Report on Foreign Missions was taken up, and remarks were made by Rev. C. C. Newton, Missionary from Africa. The report was adopted.

Report on Temperance was read by Rev. G. S. Best. Report adopted.

Report to name delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Conventions were read and adopted.

By motion, to locate the next Session was rererred to lhe Executive Committee.

Report on Obituaries, as read by Rev. J. T. Albright, was adopted.

Report to name preachers for next Session.

Cash collection for Orphanage, $11.07.

The followidg resolutions were adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the church and community for the kind hospitality with which they have entertained this body during its session. Also that thanks be tendered to the C. F. & Y. V., W. N. & N., and W. & W. Railroads for giving reduced rates to those who came by rail to this session of the Association.

Resolution offered by Bro C. E. Daniel, viz:

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Association pay over the Minute Fund to the Clerk. Also pay to the Clerk fifteen dollars for his services as Clerk.

The Association adjourned to meet Friday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1894. Fitting remarks were made by Rev. J. L. Carroll, D. D. Song, "There is a land that's fairer," &c. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Carroll, D. D.

The following ministers were present at this Session of the Association, viz.:

Rev. J. L. Stewart,
" J. L. Albritton,
" R. E. Peele.
" F. T. Wooten,
" W. B. Oliver,
" J. T. Jenkins,
" S. D. Swaim,
" John Marshall,
" J. C. Crumpler,
" F. A. Savage,
" O. L. Stringfield
" Anderson Butler,
" D. W. Herring, (Missionary to China),
" R. T. Bryan, (Missionary to China),
Rev. C. C. Newton, (Missionary to Africa).
" W. L. Bilbro,
" R. W. Harrell,
" W. N. Johnson,
" C. F. Hooper,
" O. P. Meeks,
" G. L. Finch.
" R. C. Sandling.
" W Tart.
" J. H. Dobson
" J. L. Carroll, D. D.
" C. Durham, D. D,
" W. E. Crocker,
" G. S. Best,
" M. C. Walton.

REPORTS.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee report progress. The work grows in interest and importance. We have more than one hundred men in the field, which extends from the Mountains to the Seashore, and encouraging report come up from their fields of labor. But, with all that has been done, a great harvest remains to be reaped. We need to strengthen our stakes where we have planted, and to plant the vast territory yet unoccupied. To delay now is disastrous. Your Committee recommend: 1st, More laborers; 2nd, Increased contribution; 3rd, That we pray to that end.

COMMITTEE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A year ago the Association adopted the recommendation that the churches begin the collection for State Missions, immediately after the last Session, and send the same to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee to meet the necessities of missions and destitute fields with little other means of support. The churches, few exceptions, failed to observe this recommendation, and this failure has rendered your Committeee unable to pay the Missionaries as they did the work, or as they needed the money. We would repeat and emphasize the recommendation, and earnestly ask the Pastors and delegates to enter upon this branch of our work, and forward the collections immediately to F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store, N. C. (Treasurer of the Executive Committee.) There has been, is, and always will be, many difficulties in the prosecution of this work, but amid the general stringency of the times and many other drawbacks, we are glad to be able to report progress. At all of our mission points, the interest seems to be growing; services are well attended and gratifying results accompany the faithful preaching of the Word.

Additions by baptism are reported as follows: Jacksonville 9, Salem 21, Sharon 2.

Rev. R. E. Peele was employed on the Ouslaw field, and had appointments at Richlands, Tar Landing, Catherine Lake, Jacksonville and and Burgaw, and we agreed to pay him $460.

Rev. S. D. Swaim was at Salem, and we agreed to pay him $100, and Rev. W. L. Bilbro, at Hallsville and Sharon, and we agreed to pay him $50, and Rev. J. T. Jenkins, at Brooklyn under the care and to be paid by the First Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Houses of worship have been completed at Catharine Lake and Salem. At Jacksonville a new and comfortable house is nearing completion, and a large part af the cash of same has been raised by Bro. Peele. At Burgaw they have begun to build, and at Brooklyn a house is much needed and they hope to begin soon.

These indications of Providence and the willingness of the brethren to work are encouraging, and should stimulate our sympathies and active co-operation.

The one great need of the work is that this cause be pressed home upon the hearts and consciences of the individual members of our churches, and we recommend that for the next year we endeavor to raise for State Missions an average of not less than 10 cents per member in all our churches.

Respectfully submmitted,

J. T. BLAND, For Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We can never cease to thank God for the noble men, who, without the advantages of liberal training, have fought a good fight and gained great reward; but the axe of the pioneer yields to the implements of the farm ready for tillage. Education in the people, calls for education in their teachers, and he has simply recognized the great responsibility of his calling, who best equips himself. God has made us co-laborers with himself in all departments of His earthly kingdom, and among our duties is this, to furnish the preachers whom he has found, a duty that comes to us as a sweet privilege. How may we perform it? Wake Forest and the Seminary answer for us: "Send your young men here and we will prepare them for their work."

The men are anxious to get at their work, the College and the Seminary are anxious to help them to and in their work, and it only remains for the people of God to be anxious for them too. Young men called of God to preach His Gospel and teach His saints, are in no sense subjects of charity, when they cast themselves upon the churches, and ask the human weapons of their warfare.

They lay themselves upon our hearts, and He will hold us responsible for our treatment of them. Let every church and every member invest largely in these men of God.

COMMITTEE.

GENERAL EDUCATION.

Surely the seal of God's approval is not more manifest in any work in which the Baptist people have engaged than in the education of our sons and daughters. Beginning at the public school, and extending through the academies and colleges, this work has steadily grown until now we have the largest number of Christian men and women teaching, and the largest number of pupils in attendance at any time in our history.

Your Committee urge greater sympathy between the patrons and teachers in training the young mind and heart, and that a larger patronage be given the academies within your bounds—Warsaw High School, and not only within the bounds of this Associatson, but all over the State we would encourage the establishment and more hearty patronage of these preparatory schools. For the higher education of our young men we commend Wake Forest College worthy in every way of your confidence and support.

For the higher education of our girls, we commend Chowan Baptist Female Institute and Oxford Female Seminary, as second to

no institution in the State for that class of work. From the report of United States Commissioner of Education, for 1889-'90, we learn that the first efforts for higher education in this country were made by Christian people, and that at the date of that report seventy-six per cent. of the leading institutions for higher education in the United States were under the control of the religious denominations, and have their fostering care. It is with pleasure we announce that very enthusiastic efforts are being put forth for the establishment of the Baptist Female University, and the Executive Committee confidently expect this school to be opened for work September, 1894.

Your Committee most heartily recommend that our people shall exert their influence and patronize our denominational institutions.

COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Baptists being unwilling to allow the aged servants of God to go unprovided have organized a board, which is located at Durham, N. C., to receive and disburse funds for the relief of disabled Baptist ministers in our State.

This Board has several beneficiaries whom they are looking after, and as these must be supported by individual and church contributions, we recommend that both do all they can for this object.

2. That pledges be taken from members and churches.

3. We would further recommend that pastors and deacons keep constantly this object before the churches; that funds be raised and and forwarded to the Board for distribution

Submitted by
R. C. SANDLING,
for Committee.

PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on periodicals, upon investigation find that only a very small percent of our people are reading our denominational papers. It would be presuming upon the intelligence of this body, to suppose that they are not aware to some extent, of the great loss to our denomination caused by this vast and sad neglect. We should every one take peculiar pleasure in reading of the various enterprises and workings of our great denomination not only so, but remember that it is our imperative duty.

The almost universal ignorance of the great Baptist brotherhood respecting their own work in home, and foreign land, is appalling. Failure to inform ourselves along these lines means failure to do our duty to God and humanity. We fear that our good brethren have not been truly awakened to a keen sense of their duty in this respect. And would earnestly impress the importance of getting the Biblical Recorder, N. C. Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and other religious periodicals into every family upon the minds of our pastors and deacons. As the literature to be used in our Sunday-school, we suggest that they select Kind Word Series or the American Baptist Publishing Society.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. SWAIM,
W. B. LAMB,
E. HELDT.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report: This important work is under the direction of the Home Mission

Board of the Southern Convention, located at Alanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Secretary.

Great things have been accomplished in this department of the Lord's work, whereof we are glad; and greater things are to be accomplished, for which we hope. The field covered by this work is extensive, embracing all the Southern and many of the Western States, in which there are still many parts destitute It includes the work among the Indians, to which poor, abused race we owe a peculiar debt. They are attempting to do something for the colored people who live among us. It also includes the work on the neighboring isle of Cuba. The work on these fields has been so much blessed as to call for profound gratitude to God, who gave the blessing. The work in Cuba has been simply marvelous, begun so lately, the churches there already have a membership of 2,261.

The Missionaries this Board supported and helped to support last year were 368. The number added to the churches under their care last year was 9,604. Total receipts for this work last year were $106,898; of this North Carolina gave $4,689; and of this amount, this Association gave, according to the Minutes, $71.22. What is this for 6,202 Baptists to do? Little better than nothing.

As a means of disseminating information, the Home Board is publishing, for 25 cents a year, subscription price, a sprightly paper called "The Home Field." Pastors would do well to get this circulated in their churches. The South cannot remain what it is, the wave of emigration is going to roll over the Southern States too, and it must be met with the Gospel, and the Gospel as we preached it. To meet the demand, we must not only sustain the work now going on, but we must enlarge it; this calls for a more liberal support from the Baptists generally, and us in particular.

We recommend that the pastors bring the WORD to bear on their churches, giving them the needful information, and take up collections at regular intervals for Home Missions.

W. H. MURRY,
P. W. STALLINGS,
D. W. HERRING.
Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee to nominate Executive Committee, recommend to you the following brethren:

D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, F. A. Fennell, C. E. Daniel, J. T. Bland, B. S. Montford, J. H McDougald, and W. J. Fryar.

Respectfully,
Committee.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, N. C., and is the property of the Baptists. It has 300 acres of land, 15 buildings, and is now taking care of 135 children. There children receive the training they need—the training of mind, body and heart. The Orphanage work is a worthy work and one in which our people should increase their interest. Your committee would suggest an increase of contributions from the different churches to this object for the coming year. To take care of all the worthy orphans who are now knocking at the door of the Orphanage, our facilities must be enlarged, which necessarily means an increase of contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. WOOTEN,
B. S. MONTFORD,
L. M. BOYKIN.
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing the instruction of our youth in the Sunday-schools to be the most vital to the future development of all that concerns our character, we yet have reason to deplore the lethargy of our people on this point. This is indicated by the fact that among a membership of over 6,000 in our Association only about 1,900 are reported enrolled in Sunday-schools, or in a Baptist constituency of at least 20,000, only about one tenth are reported in Sunday-schools. In view of this appalling fact, and the many sections of our territory entirely destitute of schools, we recommend, as the success of the body, that the Committee appointed by our Eastern Baptist Association, be encouraged by our church and schools to employ a Sunday-school Missionary for at least a portion of his time, or, perhaps, in connection with the schools of some adjoining Association, to employ the whole of his time in strengthening the old schools, establish new ones, and holding Sunday-school institutes to arouse our people.

O. P. MEEKS,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee, desirous of sincerely thanking Almighty God for the wonderful progress in Foreign Missions in recent years, and of asking a continuance of His blessings on the agencies at work to bring heathendom to Christ, congratulates the churches on the fact that the evidence is unmistakable that the Gospel is taking hold of the hearts of the heathen at a rate hitherto unknown. We urge the importance of special prayer and efforts for this great cause, and that the churches pledge themselves to attempt during the year to raise at least one cent. per number per month to be expended in carrying out the command of the Saviour, to preach the Gospel to every creature.

R. T. BRYAN,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. D. WARD,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully ask the brethren of the Eastern Association, who are not already doing so, to read and study carefully the teachings of both the New and Old Testament Scriptures, on this subject of such vital interest to us all in this life, and obey them.

GEO S. BEST,
B. MATTHEWS,
O. SUMERLIN,
Committee.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Will B. Oliver. Alternate, Rev. J. T. Jenkins.

Delegates to North Carolina State Convention, Revs O. P. Meeks, W. L. Bilbro, S. D. Swaim, L. R. Carroll, R. C. Sandling and S. M. Carlton.

OBITUARIES.

Death has removed from our midst, during the year, two esteemed brethren; the one, Bro. M. T. Horne, a Deacon of Sharon Baptist church, Duplin County, and the other, our beloved and aged Bro. J. B Barlow, whose long ministerial life among us had endeared him to us all. Bro. Horne died August 13th, 1893, at his home in Chinque-

pin, Duplin County, in the 43rd year of his age. He was a prosperous, liberal citizen, and a devout Christian. The new house of worship, recently erected in Chinquepin by the Baptist church, is a monument to his Christian liberality—he being the largest contributor in its construction.

Elder J. B. Barlow, of Wilmington, died September 29th, 1893, in the 72nd year of his age. He was in the ministry about forty years. He served the churches at Saintuck, Riley's Creek, Mt. Holly, Moore's Creek, Long Creek, Barlow's Chapel, Masonboro, and other places. It is said that he frequently walked 25 to 30 miles to fill some of his appointments. He was not an educated man, but he was an earnest, devout, humble, loyable minister of the Gospel, full of grace and truth. After about two years' confinement at home, from dropsy, he joyfully responded to the summons of his Master to go up higher. His last words expressing the one all-controlling desire of his heart—"Nearer my God, to Thee."

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
ISAIAH CARROLL.
J. E. BOYETTE.
Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Report of committee to nominate ministers for next session report as follows: Introductory Sermon, R. C. Sandling; Alternate, W. L. Bilbro; Missionarary Sermon, W. B. Oliver; Alternate, O. P. Meeks.

W. E. STEVENS,
for Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordianed ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentatation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds

sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive committee of nine members, three from each of the Union meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said Committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel Order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may by chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been lead as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptizied in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church; the relief of the poor; and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to work circucumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offences, but always ready for reconciliation, mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenent, and principles of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Asssociation shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer of Ministers Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

Treasurer's Report.

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer, in account with Eastern Asso'n.

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To amount received from all sources		$719 28
To State or Associational Missions,	$266 24	
L. M. Cooper pledge State Missions,	5 00	
Foreign "	164 01	
Home "	51 70	
Baptist Orphanage,	24 85	
Havana House,	7 05	
Ministerial Relief,	57 49	
Minute Fund,	43 07	
Clerk Fees,	15 00	
Ministerial Education,	71 60	
Money on hand,	13 27	
		$719 28

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

Audited, found correct and approved.

A. D. WARD,
J. T. BLAND,
Auditing Com.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount to Association, appropriated as follows:—		$ 548.93
Ministerial Education,	$ 72 16	
State Missions	161 07	
Home Missions,	79 92	
Foreign Missions,	107 60	
Baptist Orphanage,	15 98	
Ministerial Relief,	71 17	
Minute Fund,	35 03	
Women's Missionary Society,	6 00	
Amount sent off,		1,195 34
Grand total,		$1,744 27

Respectfully submitted,
C. E. DANIEL.
A. R. HERRING.
J. F. LEWIS.
Finance Committee.

Churches.	Additions.			Losses.			Membership.				Time of Meeting.	Pastors and their Postoffices.
	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total Membership.		
Barlow Chapel	8			1			42	50		92	4th Sunday.	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington, N. C.
Bethel	6	1	4	1		3	54	84		138	4th Sat. and Sun.	C. F. Hopper, Mt Olive, "
Beulah				7	1	3	49	55		104	3rd Sunday.	J. L. Britt, Turkey, "
Boykins Chapel	7			2	3		53	90		143	1st Sat. and Sun.	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store, "
Berea				1		1	32	43		75	2nd Sat. and Sun.	J. H. Dobson, Willard, "
Bear Branch												
Bethlehem	4	1	2	3	2		74	90		164	1st Sat. and Sun.	F. T. Wooten, Keith, "
Bear Marsh												
Burgaw		1				1	37	42		79	4th Sunday, 2 times.	R. E. Peele, Burgaw, "
Brooklyn	13	31		11	2	5	122	159		281	2 times each Sunday.	J. T. Jenkins, Wilmington, "
Clinton		7		7	1	3				228	1st & 3rd Sun. 2 times.	O. P. Meeks, Clinton, "
Concord					1		35	60		95	1st Sat. and Sun.	
Corinth	7		2	3	2		53	75		128	4th Sunday.	M. C. Walton, Wilmington, "
Colvin's Creek												
Caintuck Chapel	2	8		1		3	69	68		137	2nd Sunday.	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington, "
Caswell	8	8	1	1		1	34	52		86	4th Sunday.	F. T. Wooten, Keith, "
Cathrine Lake											4th Sunday.	
Castle Hayne							4	4		8	4th Sunday.	
Dobson's Chapel	23		1	5	6	1	49	63		118	3rd Sunday.	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw, "
Ebenezer				1	1		29	28		57	1st Sunday.	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store, "
Emma's Chapel							35	44		79		R. E. Peele, Burgaw, "
Hallsville		2	1		2	1	38	80		118	4th Sunday.	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw, "
Haw Bluff	16		1		6	1	52	85		137	3rd Sunday.	R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro, "
Herman				10		1	14	17		31	2nd Sunday.	J. L. Britt, Turkey, "
Island Creek	28	3	2		5	4	62	116		178	1st Sunday.	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw, "
Johnson's		6		6	1	2	50	72	8	128	1st Sunday.	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw, "
Jacksonville												
Kenansville	1			2			33	53		86	2nd Sunday.	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw, "
Long Creek	6	2	1	1		2	41	72		113	4th Sunday.	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw, "
Lisbon				1		1	58	46		104	1st Sunday.	M. C. Walton, Wilmington, "
Maple Hill							12	7		19		
Mary's Chapel				2	2	2	29	53		82	3rd Sunday.	J. H. Dobson, Willard, "
Masonboro		2			2	5	54	92	1	148	1st Sunday.	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington, "
Moore's Creek												
Mt. Gilead		4		2	1	3	79	110		189	3rd Sunday.	C. F. Hopper, Mt. Olive, "
Mt Olive							42	82		124	4th Sunday.	
Mt. Holly				5			56	72		132	2nd Sunday.	
Magnolia		3	2	3		3				135	4th Sunday.	O. P. Meeks, Clinton, "
Mt. Zion												
New Hope	13	5	1	2		1	74	123		197	2nd Sunday.	J. L. Stewart, Clinton, "
Olive Branch												
Piney Grove	6	3		3	3	2	54	76	3	133	1st Sunday.	J. L. Albritton, Mt. Olive, "
Poplar Grove												
Rose Hill												
Riley's Creek	10			3	4	3	65	104		168	3rd Sunday.	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw, "
Sharon						1	23	45		68	4th Sunday.	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw, "
Salem	21				2		25	31		56	3rd Sunday.	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington, "
Shiloh	18	3	2	4	3	4	92	126		218	3rd Sunday.	F. T. Wooten, Keith, "
Silvan				1			53	61		114	3rd Sunday.	J. L. Stewart, Clinton, "
Springvale		2				2	40	52		92	2nd Sunday.	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store, "
Teachey's	11	5	1	3	4	1	51	60		111	2nd Sunday.	M. C. Walton, Wilmington, "
Warsaw		3		7	3	7	80	133		218	2nd & 4th Sun. night	O. P. Meeks, Clinton, "
Well's Chapel	16	4		3	2	2	106	158		244	2nd Sunday.	F. T. Wooten, Keith, "
Wilmington	12	20	2	25	27	5	174	293		466	2 times each Sunday.	W. B. Oliver, Wilmington, "
Willard	4	1	3	2	6		50	47		97	1st Sunday.	J. H. Dobson, Willard, "
Total												

Superintendents and their Postoffices.		No. of Schools	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance	No. Vols. in Library	Kind words Taken.	Bap. Teachers Taken	Other Papers Taken.	Mos. School Kept Open.	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Asso. Missions	Home Missions.
James Anders, Sloop Point,	N. C.	1	7	64	45				13	12	$ 150		$ 3 29	$ 1 52	$ 2 00
N. B. Sellers, Taylor's Bridge,	"	1	5	50	35		20			12	100	$10 53	2 50	10 00	2 50
F. J. Faison, Turkey,	"	1	4	25	20					12	75		4 27	4 00	
H. E. Peterson, Dilila,	"	1	5	57	40					12	100	1 30	2 00	2 00	2 00
Joseph Brooks, Willard,	"	1	5	25	15					12			1 00	2 00	
W. C. Keith, Keith,	"	1	7	70	40	100		6	40	9	100		2 00	2 00	2 00
J. T. Bland, Burgaw,	"												4 00	4 00	3 00
J. H. McDougald, Wilmington,	"	1	6	60	50				60	12	100		3 00	14 88	1 00
W. B. Stewart, Clinton,	"	1	30	227	186			17327		12	800	120 00	5 00	16 75	
W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells,	"	1	16	125	95	100			100	12	300	100 00	3 37	1 55	5 00
I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill,	"	1	5	25	15					12			2 00	6 28	1 00
		1	4	100	65		28			9	100		2 00	2 00	2 00
D. J. Corbett, Viola,	"														
W. D. Malpas, Point Caswell,	"	1	8	78	40	100			12	12	125		1 00	18 00	2 00
		1	5	68	35				16	12	100		1 37	1 37	1 62
W. B. Hawse, ———	"														
R. Bighsmith, Coharie,	"	1	6	47	25					12	100		2 00	15 00	5 00
M. W. Barbee, Rich Lands,	"	1	4	40						9	75			1 72	1 45
		1	6	55	35					12	100				
W. J. Sandlin, Hallsville,	"														
W. F. Bunn, Magruder,	"	1	6	31	15					12	60			5 00	2 00
T. W. Britt, Clinton,	"	2	10	60	50	60				12				1 30	
C. Harrell, Hanson,	"	1	3	20	15		20		20	12					
W. H. Middleton, Warsaw,	"	1	4	56	40					12	100	15 00	1 50	8 12	1 50
		1	5	48	40			6	50	12	150	20 00	2 50	15 00	5 80
A. D. Ward, Kenansville,	"														
Mrs. W. E. Herring, Doughton,	"	1	5	35	24	30			33	12	135	13 00	3 00	12 50	4 00
D. L. Herring, Clear Run,	"	1	5	42	20					10	60	1 15	75	1 00	
		1	7	72	50	48		1	54	12	125		1 00	10 00	2 00
J. W. Stokes, Kenansville,	"														
E. Hewlett, Wilmington,	"	1	6	45	25				30	12				1 50	
G. W. Mosley, J. J. Vann, B. Matthews,	Taylor's Bridge.	1	10	106	68			5	75	12				3 25	
J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive,	N. C.	3	12	100	75						100	40 00	1 00	19 66	2 00
I. Carroll, South Washington,	"	1	9	80	60					12	100		5 00	5 00	5 00
B. C. Barden, Magnolia,	"	1	4	35	30								5 00	10 00	6 00
		1	9	57	26				94	9				3 55	75
C. E. Daniel, Turkey,	"	3	13	139	100					12					
T. J. Wilson, Faison,	"	1	7	85	50				81	12	125	25 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
W. W. Larkins, Long Creek,	"									9	100		2 50	2 50	2 50
Z. Blanchard, F. Sloan, Chinquepin,	"	1	10	50	40										
Jesse Cannady, Washington,	"	2	6	75						12	100			6 00	2 00
H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek,	"	1	7	70	40					12	50			6 00	1 50
J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store,	"	2	8	100	80					9	60	53 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
A. F. Robinson, Ingold,	"	1	5	50	35				41	12	100		3 40	16 04	4 09
A. F. Bland, Teachey,	"	1	7	44	30	25			35	12	125	32 05		10 00	
S. M. Carlton, Warsaw,	"	1	3	20					24	9	100			4 26	79
L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store,	"	1	9	75	65					12			2 00	8 00	3 00
C. C. Brown, Wilmington,	"	1	9	125	85					12	175	30 00	2 50	2 50	
D. V. Butler, Willard,	"	2	25	200	155	150	3600	720	760	12	150	3 52	5 00	10 00	
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CLERK:

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TREASURER:

W. H. Middleton, Warsaw, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

L. R. Carroll, F. A. Fennell, B. S. Montford,
J. S. Canady, A. R. Herring.

MINISTERS:

Will B. Oliver,	Wilmington,	N. C.
R. E. Peele,	"	"
M C. Walton,	"	"
S. D. Swaim,	"	"
G. S. Best,	Kenansville,	"
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C. G. Wells,	Warsaw,	"
W. L. Bilbro,	"	"
R. W. Harrell,	Burgaw,	"
W. H. VanHoy,	Warsaw,	"
Noah Sheley,	Burgaw,	"
W. L. Tart,	Castle Hayne,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Fifty-first Annual Session with the church at Lisbon, Oct. 9th, 1894.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. John Mitchell. Text from Ephesians 3, 16 to 19.

Adjourned for one hour.

The Association was called to order by Rev. L. R. Carroll, Moderator *pro tem.* A. R. Herring acted as Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll of churches was called, a majority being present. On motion, Finance Committee was appointed, L. R. Highsmith, B. Matthews, and — Dobson.

Reading Clerks F. A. Fennell and D. L. Herring. Committee of Arrangemens was appointed, consisting of Rev. M. C. Walton and Deacons of Lisbon church.

Church letters were read. The delegates were not enrolled there being so few delegates present.

Rev. S. D. Swaim was elected Moderator, A. R. Herring, Clerk, W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and the following brethren responded: J. C. Caddell, in the interest of the *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. John Mitchell, for the Board of Education W. D. Harrell, from Chowan Association, B. S. Peterson, for the *North Carolina Baptist*, D. C. Durham, for State Missions.

The Committee of Arrangements report:

Devotional exercises to be conducted by Rev. F. T. Wooten, 9, a. m. Time of meeting of the Association, 9:30 a. m.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters from South Side church and Olivet church were presented, asking for admission into this body, and also letters from Providence church of the Atlantic Association. These were referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Will B. Oliver, F. T. Wooten, W. B. Harrell and M. C. Walton.

The above named committee reported favorably as to Providence and South Side. The letter from Olivet church was referred

to the Association for some irregularity. The reports were adopted and the churches received.

The following committees were appointed:

State Missions, Dr. C. Durham and B. S. Montford.

Foreign Missions, L. R. Carroll and J. S. Canady.

Home Missions, M. C. Walton and Eli Larkins

Orphanage, Will B. Oliver and J. B. Harrell.

Education, Dr. John Mitchell and R. W. Harrell.

Periodicals J. C. Caddell and B. S. Peterson.

Temperance, R. E. Peele and D. L. Herring.

Ministers' Relief, L. R. Carroll and E. C. Herring.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by W. B. Oliver. Benediction by Rev. R. E. Peele.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1894.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. C. Walton. Read 15th chapter of John.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll of churches called but few delegates answered because of overflow in the rivers.

Proceedings of the 1st day read and approved

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. M. C. Walton and N. E. Shelly To nominate preachers for next session of the Association, L. R. Highsmith and R. B. Moore.

Committee on Sunday Schools, A. Hewlett and Isaiah Carroll.

Report of Executive Committee was read by L. R. Carroll, and in connection the report on State Missions was read by Dr. C. Durham, and pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Carroll and Dr. C. Durham.

Roll of churches were called for pledges for the next year for State Missions. The churches responded as follows:

Barlow Chapel $10.00, Bethel 4.00, Boykin's Chapel 5.00, Burgaw 10.00, Caintuck Chapel 15.00 Dobson Chapel 12.50, Johnsons 15.00, Lisbon 10.00, Poplar Grove 2.50, Masonboro 12.50, Mt. Holly 5.00, New Hope 10.00, Riley's Creek 5.00, Salem 10 00, Siloam 10.00, Teachey's 3.00, Warsaw 15.00, Willard 2.00, Colvin Creek 1.00, South Side 5.00, Olivet 1.00, Providence 5.00, Corinth 2.00, Clinton 10.00, Well's Chapel 10.00, Ebenezer 2 00. Here remarks were made by Moderator and J. S. Canady.

The reports as read on State and Associational Missions were adopted. The Executive Committee requested to correspond with the churches in the Association, asking for pledges. Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Report on Education was read by Dr. John Mitchell, pending

its adoption, remarks were made by Dr. Mitchell, R. E. Peele and R. W. Harrell. Rev. L. M. Curtis from West Chowan was welcomed by Moderator.

Report of committee on Ministers' Relief, was read by L. R. Carroll. Adopted without remarks.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by L R. Carroll. Adopted without remarks. Treasurer's report was adopted without being audited. Report on Home Missions read by M. C. Walton. Adopted without remarks.

Report of Committee to nominate an Executive Committee. Read by N. A. Shelly. Adopted.

Report to name Preachers for next Session was read and adopted.

Corinth church petitions the Association to hold its next session with her. Request granted.

Report on Periodicals was read by J. C. Caddell. Report adopted without remarks.

Report on Temperance, read by D. L. Herring. Report adopted without remarks.

By motion, all unfinished business of the Association was referred to the Executive Committee to finish the work of the session, and when done to report the same to the Clerk, with all the church letters and other papers belonging to the Association. On account of the rapid rising water in the river, the Association was forced to adjourn to meet with the Corinth church, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1895. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Walton.

S. D. SWAIM, Moderator.

A. R. HERRING, Clerk.

The following ministers were present at this session of the Association: Revs. S D Swaim, R E Peele, Will B Oliver, M C Walton, John Mitchell, C Durham, J B Harrell, L R Carroll, R W Harrell, L M Curtis.

REPORTS.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Owing to our failure to take pledges at the last Association, for the support of the work within our bounds, your committee has labored under some serious disadvantages during the year, and while from this and other causes, the progress of the work has not been so satisfactory as it otherwise might have been, yet it has not been without some very pleasing results.

Bro. R. E Peele, our former missionary, retired from the field, or work in Onslow, in Feb'y last. At the request of the Board, one of your committee undertook to visit the churches thus left, until a regular minister could be secured. In Jan'y Bro. M. C. Walton agreed to take charge of the work until the present Association. For the more successful prosecution of the work in the future, your committee respectfully recommend a consolidation of the unions as in the earlier history of the work. That the number of the Executive Committee be reduced to five. That they select the place of the 5th Sunday meetings, and ask the churches to send representatives with contributions for the work.

Respectfully,
L. R. Carroll, for Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist State Convention has defined State Missions to include all practical efforts to give the Gospel, as we believe it, to the destitute sections, towns and neighborhoods of the State. This work is done through individuals, through Associations and through the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Convention. This year there are 92 Missionaries, located in all sections of the State, preaching at more than 300 destitute places. Among these there are some of the most consecrated and successful Baptist preachers in the State. The Board is very anxious to go to the Convention this year without a debt on this department of our work. But to do this it will be necessary for all of the pastors and churches to do what they can during October and November, to aid the work. Your committee therefore recommends, first, that the pastors be requested to present State Missions to their churches, during the months named above, and to ask the people to aid this work and to forward whatever is thus secured to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

C. Durham, for Com.

EDUCATION.

We are pleased to be able to report an increasing interest in the subject of Education. Our Schools and Colleges have opened well, and the future is encouraging. Wake Forest College enrolled 210 students this session, and still they come. Let us be thankful and rally to their support, and also our High School at Warsaw, and to the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, at Murfreesboro, and to the Oxford Female Seminary, and to all of our schools.

Ministerial Education.

The importance of the subject has never been felt as now. More young ministers are asking help than ever before, and their

need is great. The Board of Education has secured 36 for this session, and others are asking for help, and some now at the College, know not how they can remain longer, unless they can be aided. But the Board is not able to help them. There is now a debt of $900 on the Board, and others cannot be secured unless the contributions should greatly increase. Would that we were able to help all the worthy young ministers who apply for aid. Brethren, come up to the help of the Lord, and aid all His young ministers who are in need of help. There are now four on the Board from this Association, and they all seem to be promising. Will the churches support them? We submit the following:

Resolved, That all our churches be requested to take a collection, at least once a year, for the Board of Education, and that we will endeavor to raise an amount sufficient to pay the board of the four young ministers from this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL.
R. W. HARRELL.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

In appreciation of the faithful services of the aged ministers of our State, and our corresponding duty to them and their families, we earnestly recommend and affectionately urge our churches to take, at least, one collection a year, for our Ministers' Relief Board, and forward the same to Rev. J. F. McDuffie, Durham, N. C.

L. R. CARROLL, for Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Grateful to Him who said "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." and for His continued and abundant blessings on the work, we affectionately urge the brethren to greater diligence and liberality along the line of world-wide missions.

We cannot afford to circumscribe the work assigned us, on a narrow, selfish basis, and still hope for our father's highest endorsement and approval. The love of God includes the whole world, so must ours. The work of Christ offers salvation to the entire human family, so must ours. Let us not cease then to give the Gospel to every creature, and labor earnestly for the day when all the nations of the earth shall join in the welcome acclaim of highest heaven, and so let Jesus, the crucified one, reign king of kings and lord of lords.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL.
J. S. CANADY.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions, submits the following report:

This work is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and includes all of the Southern and many of the Western States, including the work among the Indians and also in Cuba. This Board has sent out, and are pledged to support about 400 missionaries, who are doing a great work, not only among the first mentioned but also among the negroes.

We most heartily commend this work to our churches, with their paper, the *Home Field*, which will keep us well informed as to the work and its needs.

Respectfully submitted,
M. C. WALTON,
ELI LARKINS,
Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your commiitee, submit the following brethren:

L. R. Crrroll, F. A. Fennell, B. S. Montford, J. S. Canady, and A. R. Herring.

M. C. WALTON,
N. A. SHELLY,
Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to name preachers for next session of the Association, report as follows:

Introductory Sermon, A. A. Butler. Alternate, M. C. Walton.
Missionary Sermon, Will B. Oliver. Alternate, O. P. Meeks.

L. R. HIGHSMITH,
R. B. MOORE,
Committee.

PERIODICALS.

At no time, in our history as a denomination, has the necessity of our people to be informed in all departments of our work, been so great as now. Realizing that no small portion of this must be done through the religious press, we would urge our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We commend the *Biblical Recorder*, which for 60 years has been the organ of our Convention, and which during all these years, has been the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in North Carolina. We further recommend the *North Carolina Baptist, Charity and*

Children, The Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal, and the S. S. literature, published in Nashville, Tenn., as worthy a place in the homes of our peop'e.

J. C. CADDELL.
B. S. PETERSON.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully ask all the brethren and sisters, of every church in this Association, to put in practice the teaching of God's Holy Word in reference to strong drink. Let the churches everywhere, constantly pray God to give them power to put the enemy to flight, so that where now stands mighty edifices in honor of the devil, they may be thrown down, and erected in their stead, temples for the worship of God's people. We charge you brethren and sisters, that while you may not be the one to hold up the glass of domestic bliss into the pure sunlight of God's love, and drink those dregs to the announcement of flattering sentiment, yet you can be the grand cause of elevating those who are bowed down to the idol of satan, and bring them back to Christ. We urge you, brethren, who are true men and women to God's cause, to rescue those who visit the bar-rooms and card-cellars of our towns; who get behind the red stained glass and drink that fiery demon that flashes its madness in a thousand human faces every day. Throw out the life line, and instead of grinding your apples into cider, and pressing your grapes into wine, for sale to those who are dragging your members to destruction, try to keep yourselves pure and unspotted from the world, and help to hasten the time when the proud State of North Carolina can be the first to proclaim herself free from the liquor traffic.

D. L. HERRING, for Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. MIDDLETON, in account with Eastern Association.

1893.		Dr.	
To amount received from all sources,			$587 4
		Cr.	
By amount paid to Board of Education,	$ 74 16		
" " State Missions,	163 07		
" " Home Missions	79 92		
" " Foreign Missions,	120 38		
" " Bapt. Orphanage,	28 05		
" " Minute Fund,	35 03		
" " Clerk's Fees,	15 00		
" " Ministers' Relief,	71 17		
" " Express and money order,	69		
	$587 47		
			$587 47
To money on hand,			4 58

W. H. MIDDLETON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount paid to Association,		$336 72
Minute Fund,	$ 28 48	
Ministerial Education,	21 22	
State Missions,	108 53	
Home Missions,	44 67	
Foreign Missions,	60 54	
Gospel Mission Plan,	16 56	
Baptist Orphanage,	32 82	
Ministers' Relief,	22 40	
Sunday School Board,	50	
Colportage,	50	
The poor,	50	
	$336 72	$336 72

Money sent in by Missionary Society, not appropriated, divided equally between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Repairs.	Other Church Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Sunday School Board.	Colportage.	Poor.	Other Objects.	TOTAL
Barlow's Chapel	150	1006 00	12 50	....	1 73	7 40	1 00	2 00	....	5 00	2 23	....	....	....	13 31	1194 1
Bethel	100	75 00	....	23	2 00	6 19	1 00	2 71	20 02	2 56	1 00	....	....	....	....	210 4
Beulah	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Boykin's Chapel	60	....	....	75	....	....	1 83	1 50	25	....	....	....	....	....	11 00	75 0
Berea	....	....	....	50	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	4 0
Bear Branch	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50 0
Bethlehem	100	....	....	1 00	2 85	2 85	2 85	5 45	27 62	6 10	2 95	....	....	5 02	....	152 6
Bear Marsh	100	....	....	....	....	2 00	....	2 00	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	106 0
Burgaw	....	....	....	1 00	....	10 00	....	....	25 00	3 06	1 00	....	....	....	....	40 0
Brooklyn	800	....	152 00	....	....	12 00	....	....	74 75	....	....	....	....	83 80	231 43	1353 9
Clinton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Concord	100	....	....	36	....	7 00	....	1 00	1 95	8 40	....	....	....	....	5 50	124 2
Corinth	76	362 00	....	60	....	3 20	....	4 30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	446 1
Colvin's Creek	36	....	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	75	....	....	....	....	....	37 0
Caintuck Chapel	125	....	11 00	1 00	2 00	15 00	2 00	4 00	....	5 00	2 00	....	....	....	....	167 0
Caswell	100	....	....	60	2 15	2 15	2 15	2 16	2 16	2 15	....	....	....	....	....	113 5
Catharine Lake	....	....	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Castle Hayne	67	....	123 00	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	190 5
Dobson's Chapel	100	....	....	50	....	7 78	6 45	6 45	....	3 00	2 00	....	....	....	....	126 1
Ebenezer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Emmas' Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hallsville	60	....	....	61	....	5 00	1 00	....	....	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	68 6
Haw Bluff	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hermon	60	....	....	40	....	77	....	....	50	55	....	....	....	....	....	....
Island Creek	100	....	....	1 66	....	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	112 6
Johnson's	150	....	15 00	1 00	1 00	19 01	4 68	13 20	9 63	14 99	2 00	....	3 68	15 00	4 00	253 1
Jacksonville	100	....	....	50	50	50	75	50	....	50	50	50	25	50	....	105 0
Kenansville	125	....	20 00	1 00	....	3 50	....	3 50	....	5 00	....	....	....	....	17 20	175 2
Long Creek	....	....	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lisbon	125	....	5 00	....	1 12	7 14	....	5 82	13 30	2 53	2 47	....	....	....	....	162 3
Maple Hill	....	....	....	25	....	1 00	....	1 00	....	....	25	....	....	....	....	2 5
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	50	....	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 5
Masonboro	100	10 00	30 00	1 50	1 50	19 86	5 00	....	30 60	5 25	1 00	....	....	6 00	27 00	237 7
Moore's Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Gilead	100	106 00	....	90	22 33	6 48	6 21	....	60 00	3 12	3 18	....	....	....	....	....

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Total
Barlow's Chapel	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	A. W. King, Sloop Point	8	..	..	2	1	..	40	49	9
Bethel	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	Maury Ward, Joford	2	1	..	4	..	2	53	82	13
Beulah											
Boykin's Chapel	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	L. M. Boykin, Clinton	11	1	..	8	..	3	51	93	14
Berea	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	1	..	1	1	..	2	20	40	6
Bear Branch	R. W. Harrell, Magnolia	W. R. Brinson, Montgomery							24	19	4
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Point Caswell	W. C. Keith, Keith's		2	..	1	3	1	76	87	16
Bear Marsh	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	Julius E. Swinson, Mt. Olive					1	3	38	82	12
Burgaw	R. E. Peele, (Supply) Wil'gton	J. D. Hocut, Ashton	18	1	..	2	1	..	41	45	8
Brooklyn	R. E. Peele, Wilmington	W. G. T. Keen, Wilmington	10	2	..	12	2	3	110	160	270
Clinton											
Concord	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive	W. A. Moore, Natural Wells	4	..	..	2	2	1	34	36	70
Corinth		I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill		3	..	1	..	..	55	75	130
Colvin's Creek	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	R. C. Henry, Atkinson	6	..	1	10	3	1	19	24	4
Caintuck Chapel	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Viola	6	7	..	1	..	..	71	78	149
Caswell	F. T. Wooten, Point Caswell	W J. Hollingsworth. Currie		3	..	2	..	..	34	51	85
Catharine Lake	No regular Pastor	John Marshburn, Cath'ne Lake							6	13	19
Castle Hayne	W. L. Tart, Castle Hayne	R. L. Blossom, Castle Hayne	9	11	..	..	..	..	8	10	18
Dobson's Chapel	W. H. VonHoy, Warsaw	D. L. Dobson, Kenansville	1	..	..	4	..	1	51	59	110
Ebenezer											
Emmas' Chapel											
Hallsville	W. L. Belbro, Warsaw	Jas. D. Rrown, Cavenaugh	8	1	..	1	..	2	41	85	126
Haw Bluff											
Hermon	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. G. McCullin, Clinton				5	..	..	12	14	26
Island Creek	W. H. VanHoy, Warsaw	J. M. Wallace, Cavenaugh	6	2	..	..	..	6	61	119	180
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw	20	1	..	3	..	6	60	76	144
Jacksonville	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	R. L. Burton, Jacksonville									28
Kenansville	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	W. T. Brice, Kenansville				4	..	..	30	45	75
Long Creek											
Lisbon	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	W. B. Lamb, Ingold	2	..	..	4	..	..	47	57	104
Maple Hill	Noah Sheley, Burgaw	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill		1	..	2	..	..	11	9	20
Mary's Chapel	C. G. Wells, Warsaw,	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw					1	..	29	51	80
Masonboro	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	A. J. Hewlett, Wilmington	16	6	..	2	3	5	60	104	164
Moore's Creek											
Mt. Gilead	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	21	7	..	5	3	5	79	123	202
Mt. Olive	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	2	..	..	4	2	3	30	75	105
Mt. Holly		Isaiah Carroll, So. Wash'gton	13	6	..	10	1	1	60	89	149
Magnolia	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia	16	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	150
Mt. Zion	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	R. H. Devane, Keer's	2	..	..	1	1	..	14	15	29
New Hope											
Olive Branch											
Olivet		A. B. Conan,	5	3	..	..	..	..	15	21	36
Piney Grove	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton	4	7	..	2	..	2	54	81	138
Poplar Grove	A. A Butler, "	W. D. Stevens, Faison	8	3	..	8	..	..	39	51	90
Providence	J. T. Albritton, "	J. B. Williams Seven Springs									
Rose Hill	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	D. M. Page, Tar Landing				3	..	1	4	13	17
Riley's Creek											
Sharon	W. H. VanHoy, Warsaw	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	69
Salem	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	J. D. Congleton, Snad's Ferry	33	4	..	1	1	..	41	53	94
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Point Caswell	A. T. Herring, Grit	2	..	..	10	3	2	89	125	214
Siloam	No Pastor	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store		3	..	2	1	..	53	62	115
Spring Vale	R C. Sandlin, Clinton	J. M. Marshburn, Taylor's Bridge		5	..	3	..	..	40	58	98
South Side	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington	K. A. Bennett, Wilmington		2	..	..	..	..	17	19	36
Teachey's	A. A. Butler, Mount Olive	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's	9	3	..	3	2	1	54	62	110
Warsaw	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	P. S. Carlton, Warsaw		3	..	1	6	2	76	138	214
Wells' Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Point Caswell	L. D. Higsmith, Bland	1	4	..	..	5	3	104	136	240
Wilmington	Will. B. Oliver, Wilmington	J. J. Clemmons, Wilmington	12	19	..	50	11	6	129	222	351

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Church at Corinth,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1895.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING, - Island Creek Duplin County, N. C.
TIME, - - - Tuesday after the First Sunday in October 1896.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON, - - - - Elder C. G. Wells.
ALTERNATE, - - - - - - - - - - Elder L. R. Carroll.
MISSIONARY SERMON, - - - - Elder J. L. Stewart.
ALTERNATE, - - - - - - - - Elder Will B. Oliver.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Fifty-second Annual Session, with Corinth church, in Duplin County, October 8th, 1895.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by A. A. Butler. Text Ex. 14, 15.

Recess for dinner.

Devotional exercises by C. Durham.

The Association was called to order by S. D. Swaim, Moderator.

The Moderator requested delegates to deposit their church letters with the Clerk. S. M. Carlton, D. L. Herring and W. B. Hocut appointed Committee on Finance. Reading Clerks F. A. Fennell and C. G. Wells. Church letters were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Johnson's—D. C. Middleton, J. A. Powell, Wm. Stokes.
Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, Alonzo Pridgen,
Teachey's—T. H. Carter, A. F. Bland, T. B. Teachey.
Concord—J. W. Taylor, A. Hall, B. F. Kennedy.
Masonboro—M. C. Walton, Henry King.
Emma's Chapel—T. D. Shaw, W. F. Cox, Mattie Hill.
Corinth—J. F. Williams, B. F. Fussell, C. F. Matthews.
Magnolia—G. W. Carroll, H. S. Swinson, J. H. Swinson.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, J. H. Brinson.
Jacksonville—M. C. Walton, —— Kelly.
Bethel—A. McK. Herring, J. L. Register, Maury Ward.
Shiloh—J. P. Stringfield, —— Marsburn.
Mt. Holly—J. S. Newton, James McMillan, Isaiah Carroll.
Kenansville—B. C. Barden, W. K. Kornegay, J. K. Bryan.
Piney Grove—W. I. Lane, L. C. Williams, F. J. Darden.
Providence—T. L. King.
Sharon—Z. Blanchard, John Sheffield, —— Sheffield.
Spring Vale—O. Blackburn, A. J. Matthis, J. P. Parker, Jr.
Maple Hill K. F. Powers, T. B. Fisher, J. R. Jones.
New Hope M. J. Rivenbark, J. R. Wilson, J. T. Kennedy.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, Henry Jenkins, Joseph Rooks.
Boykin's Chapel L. M. Boykin, Rufus Hobbs, Lal. Rich.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, L. K. Taylor, J. R. Newkirk.
Hallsville—D. W. Burton, W. J. Kennedy, J. S. Bostick.
Olivet—D. F. Hines, A. W. McAlister.

Caintuck Chapel D. J. Corbett, T. W. Marshall, Ch. Moore.
Dobson Chapel S. C. Register, W. B. Hawes, W. H. Murray.
Warsaw S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll, A. F. Gavin.
Rose Hill - D. N. Pope.
Riley's Creek—J. W. Keith, Wm. Holly, W. B. Hocut.
Haw Bluff—L. C. Bunell, N. R. Croom, Frank Peterson.
Burgaw—T. J. Vann, J. K. Brown, R. E. Peele.
Lisbon—Francis Herring, D. L. Herring, W. S. Johnson.
Ebenezer - L. J. Rich, J. A. Tatum, O. K. Vann.
Island Creek C. C. Teachey, C. Harrell, Boney Wells.
Colvin's Creek—A. D. Harrell, T. H. Woodcock, J. P. Lewis.
South Side—J. B. Harrell, J. S. Canady, R. B. Moore.
Barlow Chapel—A. W. King, L. F. Batson, E. J. Hall.
Clinton—B. S. Peterson, H. B. Giddens, Ed. Pigford.
Siloam—N. F. Highsmith, Levi Johnson, W. H. Melvin.
Salem—Murphy Jenkins, A. D. Moore, E. Z. Milton.
Wilmington—Will B. Oliver, James Calder, Jas. H. Taylor.
Mt Gilead—A. C. Peterson, L. J Powell, B Matthews.
Willard—G. T Demsey, E F English, T B Powers
Caswell—W. J Hollingsworth, R M Bloodworth, A B Rooks
Bear Marsh—R. J Walker, D F Brooks, D B Brown,
Keer's—J F Pridgen, R. A Thratt, F F Newton
Mary's Chapel—F M Southerland.
Beulah—E L Parker
Poplar Grove--L. D Rogers
Castle Hayne -
Catharine Lake--
Olive Branch--
Bear Branch—
Brooklyn--
Mt. Olive—O. Sumerlin, George Albritton.
Bowden's--G. A Stokes, J. A Komegay, L S Koonce
Ivanhoe--D. L Gurganus, Willie Moore, I F. Harrell
Cedar Grove--R S Murry, W H. Mills

By motion, letters from Jacksonville and Island Creek were laid on the table. Letters from Bowdens, Ivanhoe and Cedar Grove applied for membership The Moderator announced that a majority of the churches are represented, and that it was now in order to elect the officers for the ensuing year.

Motion by B S Peterson, that the rules be suspended and that the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for S D Swaim for Moderator, and that S D Swaim cast the ballot of the Association for A. R Herring for Clerk, and that the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer. S. D Swaim elected for Moderator, A R Herring Clerk, W. H. Middleton Treasurer. Moderator appointed the following committees:

State Missions. C Durham, D D, D. C Middleton, R W. Harrell

Foreign Missions. O P. Meeks, Maury Ward, L R. Highsmith.

Home Missions M C Walton, M. W. Teachey, A A Butler

Education C G Wells, D S Ray, L R Carroll

Periodicals. J C Caddell, B S Peterson, J. B Boone.

Temperance A J. Taylor, J. S Boone, O Blackburn

Orphanage J B Boone, W. S. Johnson, D. N Page

Time and Place G A Herring, J C. Williams, R B. Moore.

Nominating Committee. N A. Shelly, M C. Walton, L R Highsmith

Devotional Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Resolutions Ed L Parker, T L King, J H. Taylor.

Ministers' Relief. L. R Carroll, F A. Fennell, J. H. Swinson

Credentials. O P Meeks, M. C. Walton, A J Taylor

Nominate Preachers. Maury Ward, B Matthews, J. T. Kennedy.

Sunday Schools. D L Herring, L. C Boswell, C. F Hopper.

The letters from Bowdens, Ivanhoe and Cedar Grove were referred to committee on credentials. An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and the following brethren responded: J. C. Caddell, in the interest of the *Recorder;* B S Peterson, for *N. C. Baptist;* Dr C Durham wanted to distribute Minutes of Baptist State Convention and other literature, and that he was here to help the Association to work for missions Delegates were appointed to Baptist State Convention: B. S Peterson, A A Butler Delegates to S B. Convention: A. J. Taylor, Will B Oliver Committee on devotional exercises reports. Prayer meeting at 9 a m Time of meeting of Association 9:30 a. m. Special order for State missions, 10 a. m Report on periodicals to follow By L R Carroll, motion to adjourn. Dismissed by M C. Walton

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SECOND DAY----MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator Minutes of the 1st day read and approved. Roll call deferred until to-morrow morning Resolution by L R Carroll:

Whereas, It is important that the sessions of our Association be businesslike, therefore,

Resolved, *That the churches be requested to send a list of the delegates to the Clerk, at least* ONE WEEK *before the meeting of the body,* and that the Clerk of the Asssociation prepare and present on the meeting of the Association, a list of the delegates, and that the letters be presented to the Finance committee.

Resolved, That the Moderator be requested to appoint, at this Session, the committees on State, Home and Foreign missions, Education, Sunday schools, Ministers' relief, Order of business, Finance and the Orphanage, to report at the next annual meeting of the Association

On invitation to visiting brethren, Rev J B Boone responded in interest of Baptist Orphanage, D S Ray, from Yadkin Association, J B. Brewer, from West Chowan, in interest of Murfreesboro Female Institute.

Reports of committees read and adopted as follows: State Missions by C. Durham, D. D Executive committee by L R Carroll, and pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by C Durham and L R. Carroll Roll of churches called and pledges taken for next year. Time extended M. C. Walton spoke in the interest of Jacksonville church Resolution was offered by C Durham for a committee of three to be appointed to apportion the Jacksonville church debt Committee F A, Fennell, L R Carroll and A R Herring, to report at this session. The Moderator announced the hour for missionary sermon. O P. Meeks preached in the house from Acts 1, 8. M C. Walton preached at the stand. Collection for Foreign missions $9 81. Recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Report on periodicals, by J. C Caddell Remarks by J. C. Caddell, B S Peterson and J. B. Boone Foreign missions by O P. Meeks Rev J. T Albritton objected to the words in the report "Baptism of the Holy Ghost," and suggested "Outpouring of the Holy Spirit."—Change accepted. Pledges taken for Foreign missions. Orphanage by J. B. Boone. In remarks by J. B. Boone, he requested that the churches and Sunday schools report to him the amount they would give to the orphans and how given, and that the pastors request their churches to meet on Thanksgiving Day and that contributions be sent to the orphans.

L. R. Carroll said that the Association loves Bro. Mills, but would now sustain Bro. Boone. Further remarks by Dr. Durham, after which, collection was taken amounting to $18 31, which amount was ordered to be paid to Supt. J. B. Boone. Committee on credentials report—recommend that Bowden's, Ivanhoe and Cedar Grove churches be admitted into this Association. Committee on temperance by O. Blackburn. Report of finance committee by D. L. Herring. Motion that the finance committee pay to the Treasurer the money on hand. Report to nominate Ex. committee. Report of Treasurer. Res-

olution by O. Blackburn to change the constitution so as to change time of meeting, etc. Motion by C. G. Wells to table resolution until to-morrow. Leave of absence granted N. F. Highsmith and M. C. Walton. Committee on devotional exercises report. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning 9 a. m., by C. G. Wells. Adjourned. Dismissed by J. T. Albritton.

THIRD DAY----MORNING SESSION.

Report on time and place, read by G. A Herring. Motions and amendments relative to change of time of meeting failed to pass. Time remains Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October. R. W. Harrell asked that he be allowed to canvass the delegates in interest of Willard church. Reports on Home missions by A A Butler, J. T. Albritton and O. P. Meeks. Pledges taken for Home missions. Resolution by O Blackburn that this body return thanks to Rev J. T. Albritton for the information he has just given us in his speech on Home missions, and resolved further that this Association request him, at a suitable time at its next session, to preach a sermon for the benefit of the Association, on "The distinctive principles of Baptists and Baptist liberty." Motion by C. G. Wells that a committee of three be appointed to revise the list of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School Committee—L R. Carroll, S M Carlton, O. P Meeks. Report of committee to apportion the Jacksonville church debt Report of trustees of Warsaw High School Remarks were made by C G Wells O P Meeks and J C Caddell. Committee to nominate preachers was read and approved Motion by F. A Fennell that the amount of money in hand of Treasurer not appropriated, be paid to Ex committee Report on Education by C. G. Wells Remarks by C G Wells, speaking of the necessity for the University for Girls, says "less than one-third of Baptist girls are in Baptist schools" W B Oliver for University said "What the coming century will be, depends to the Baptists on what we are now The character of any country depends on what the mother is" Also, remarks by L. R. Carroll Moderator appointed the committees of this session for the next session, on the various objects included in the resolution Report on resolution by T L King.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of Corinth church, and all this community, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of the Association Submitted

T. L. King for Com.

Report on Ministers' relief not made, but the churches are requested to take ONE collection a year for this object.

Moderator requested the churches to forward their collections to the treasurer of the several boards.

Motion to adjourn by W. B Oliver

Song, "God be with you" Dismissed by prayer by W. B. Oliver.

S. D SWAIM, Moderator.

A R. Herring, Clerk

The following ministers were present at this session of Association: S D Swaim, O P Meeks, M. C. Walton, A J. Taylor, W B. Oliver, A A Butler, C. G Wells, C F Hopper, N A Shelly, E L Parker, L R. Carroll, R W Harrell.

REPORTS.

STATE MISSION.

State missions is that department of our work in which all of the 45 Associations in our Convention unite in practical efforts to give the Gospel to every destitute place and neighborhood in the State. This year there are 92 Baptist preachers under appointment of the Board, who preach at about 400 places Twenty-seven houses of worship have been built. and twenty-three churches have been organized. The Convention at its last session, determined to secure, if possible, $15,000 for this work this year. A little over one-third of this amount has been sent to the Treasurer, and it is confidently hoped that the entire amount will be secured by the time the Convention meets in December next.

While all our work is important and is to be sustained, State mission have ever been the foundation of our denominational prosperity. It is only as we plant and sustain churches that we can hope for enlarged denominational prosperity in years to come.

C. DURHAM for Com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For want of support, Bro. M. C. Walton was compelled to retire from the work at Richlands' Catharine Lake and Tar Landing, soon after the last session of the Association, and at the request of the Board, one of your committee has again been visiting the field then left vacant since the first of March last We have recently secured the service, however, of Rev. G. O. Tilly, who will enter regularly into the work at the begining of the ensuing Associational year. Bro. Tilly is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and has recently completed his course at our Theological Seminary. He is a young man of unspotted Christian character, and seems to be in many respects especially qualified for the work. Bro. Walton is still serving the churches at Jacksonville and Providence, Bro. Bilbro at Hallville, and one of your committee at Chinquepin, all of which are asking for aid from your Ex. Board. Dear brethren, shall they ask in vain?

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. CARROLL.

PERIODICALS.

We believe, that as our people are informed concerning the work of our denomination, just in that proportion will their zeal be hightened and their contributions be enlarged. People are not interested about what they have no information. This being so, it is our duty to urge our people to take and read such literature as shall best fit them for intelligent and efficient work in their churches. To this end we would urge that all who can take the *Biblical Recorder*, which for sixty-one years has been the organ of our denomination. It has not only been the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress, but has led in every enterprise of our denomination. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist* and the *Mission Journal.* We note with pleasure the improvement in *Charity and Children.* We would heartily recommend that all of our people take this paper and learn more of the Orphanage and the work it is doing.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

You Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report :

Whereas we claim to be Missionary Baptists, and to be guided by the Scriptures alone as our rule of faith and practice, and that Jesus' tests of the love of his diciples is their loyalty to His commands, and we are called upon to carry out His great commission under the immediate leadsrship and power of the Holy Spirit poured out on Penecost. We acknowledge with shame that we have done so little to honor that Spirit in the great work of spreading the Gospel; therefore, we invoke a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts, and solemnly plege greatly to enlarge our sympathies and contributions for the world's evangelization.

O. P. Meeks,
L. R. Highsmith,
Maury Ward,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions desires to report the following:

This department of our work is under the direction of our Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board has for its territory the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention, the Indian Territory and Cuba. The Boad is doing for its territory what our State Board is doing for North Carolina. We regard this as an important work, and we there-

fore recommend: That each church in this Association take at least *one* collection during the year for this work.

M. C. Walton,
M. W. Teachey.
A. A. Butler,
Committee.

ORPHANAGE:

The work of the Orphanage is more than ordianarily interestmg by reason of the recent change of management. There are now at the Orphanage 112 orphans and about 30 applications. There are in charge of the Orphanage a new Manager, a new Treasurer and an editor of *Charity and Children.* Naturally some brethren regret the change in the management; but the friends of the Orphanage, and especially those who love the orphan work for pure charity sake, ought to bestir themselves now when the interest of some may wane on account of the removal of the former General Manager. Whatever we may think of any man connected with the institution, the institution itself is of more importance than any one man. The work of the Orphanage is going on encouragingly, and is entitted to the support of the brethren.

J. B. Boone,
D. M. Page,
W. S. Johnson,
Committee.

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of the Warsaw High School beg to report:

1st. That for two years past they have leased your vacant lot on the south side of College street, for a cash consideration of $51 00 per year, and have applied the income thus derived to the improvement of the school building and to making additions to the equipment. That lot is now leased for a term of three years at $30 00 per year. The school building is partially equipped with Andrew's patent desks and recitation benches, with globes, maps, charts, wall-blackboards, and with stoves.

2nd. That they have leased the lot on the north side of College street, including the building fixtures and equipment to C. G. Wells for a term of five years begining Aug. 28, 1895, the lessee agreeing to conduct a school eight months in each year and to keep the building insured for the benefit of the Board of Trustees.

3rd. That instruction is now offerd in English, Mathematics, and in Ancient Languages, in Telegraphy, Shorthand, Type-

writing, Music and Art, as cheaply as can be had at any institution in the State.

4th. That the number of students in attendance at the opening of the current term. exceeds the number in attendance at the corresponding time last year by sixty per cent. The total enrollment at present is fifty-two.

5th. That we call upon all to rally to the support of the school, believing as we do, that it can be made a feeder to our colleges and an honor to our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. MIDDLETON,

C. B. Trustees.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate preachers for next session beg leave to report:

Introductory Sermon Elder C. G. Wells; Alternate Elector, L. R. Carroll; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart; Alternate, W. B. Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURY WARD,

J T. KENNEDY,

B. MATHEWS,

Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the inheritance of God's kindom lies imbedded in the minds of the Young men and women of our country, and believing that the future glory and independence of the religion of Christ will be guided by the efforts of the children who now sit at the alter of learning; therefore, we urge every parent in this Association to fill his household with pure literature and descriptive Bible scenes, so that the character of the prattling youth may be lifted to a higher, nobler life in Christ. We urge fathers and mother and school committeemen in all our districts, to use the very greatest care in the selection of the teachers who shall instruct the young men always having selected those to teach whose lives have been sweetened by the influence of the Holy Spirit, thus purifying society, uplifting the fallen, and sweeping the great tide of human beings on toward the final goal of triumphant righteousness in Christ Jesus. We urge also every pastor in this Association to plead with two-thirds of our membership who are failing to perform their duty in this work. We recommend to all the Sunday schools the use of our

Southern Baptist literature, because we believe it to be the best and purest.

D. L. Herring,
L. C. Boswell,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

Our educational institutions are not surpasseed by any private schools in the State. The attendance of students at Wake Forest College is greater this year than at any previous time in its history. The work of raising the endowment of $25,000 for the Royal Memoral Chair is going forward hopefully, and with promise of success. We earnestly commend this work as worthy of our best efforts.

The Board of Education is looking after the education of about forty young ministers, and deserves the hearty co-operation of all our churches. Work upon the building of the Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, is going forward. We believe the time is at hand when we should give the Board of Trustees our substantial help. Our churches need this school. The female schools at Murfreesboro and at Oxford report properous work and good patronage. We commend these schools as entirely worthy of the confidence and patronage of our people.

Our school at Warsaw has been re-organized and new courses of study added- With enlarged patronizing there is an era of prosperity before it.

C. G. Wells,
D. S. Ray,
for Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

It would be a pleasure, it seems at first thought for a committee to know they are chosen to perform this work to be submitted to any body, historical or otherwise, and especially to any religious body as this, that it might be distributed over the land for the people to read, or supposed to be read at least by the members of the respective churches composing such bodies. But when they begin to seriously consider this all-important subjects—for it is all important insomuch that the future happiness, the intelligence, the prosperity, as individuals, churches, countries and nations, and in fact the high calling for which man was created, depends on the manner in which this great factor (namely, Temperance as we look at it) is to be handled by the people, their minds run in a different channel. They are at a loss to find words and thoughts to put in such a

reports They generally use the most pleasant words they can consistently as they think, to be presented in these reports. But it is sad to reflect upon when we take the statistics of the world, even our own beloved land, and begin to look over them and find the awful condition of things along the line of Temperance. To know that there are millions of bright little boys and girls, and mothers and wives, who are now suffering, and those who are to suffer on account of the effects of strong drink. How much are the professed Christians of this land to blame for this state of affairs? Whenever you hear the subject of the Liquor traffic under discussion, you can often hear this statement, "If the memders of the church wont patronize bar-rooms they will have to close." We urge the laity, because it is their duty, to try to verify this statement as just quoted, and request the ministers to try to teach this more to their charges. Brethren, consecration of power is what we need along this line. It has been truly said that there was power enough in the last legislature of Nortq Carolina, when assembled at Raleigh, to pass a wholesome liquor law for her. But it was not brought to bear. We commend Bro. J. A. Oates, Jr., of the *N. C. Baptist*, for the fight he is and has been making against this great evil, and bid him, and all others who are doing likewise, God speed in this work for the abolition of the Liquor Traffic. This committee feels sure of the fact, that if the influence of the combined efforts of the Christian demoninations of North Carolina were put to work, that when her next legislature shall have adjourned that there will be a wholesome law on her statute books concerning the sale of this great "man destroyer."

Respectfully submitted,

O. Blackburn, for Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES OT WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

Your Committee, appointed to revise the last of Trustees of Warsaw High School, report the following list.

O. P. Middleton, Esq., Chairman; Elder J. L. Stewart, Isaac Brown, Esq., S. M. Carlton, Esq., C. E. Daniel, Esq., Elder W. B. Oliver, Elder O. P. Meeks, W. C. Carlton, Esq., S. A. Strickland, Esq.

O. P. Meeks,

S. M. Carlton,

Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sen with letters,			$422 86
By amount for State Missions,	$129 34		
" " Home Missions,	49 29		
" " Foreign Missions, (Board)	64 27		
" " Education,	26 08		
" " Gospel Missions,	20 14		
" " Ministers' Relief,	18 29		
" " Orphanage,	63 48		
" " Minute Fund,	40 57		
" " Colportage,	5 00		
" " Unappropriated'	6 40		
	$422 86		$422 86

D. L. Herring,
S. M. Carlton,
W. B. Hocut.

Committee recommend to the churches a uniformity of church letters.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. Middleton in account with Eastern Association for 1894.:

To amount received from all sources;		$337 72
" " money on hand,		4 58
		$342 30

Distributed as follows:

Minute fund and Clerk fees,	30 52	
Ministerial Education,	21 22	
State Mission,	113 52	
Home Missions,	44 67	
Foreign Missions,	60 04	
Gospel Plan,	16 56	
Baptist Orphanage,	32 82	
Ministers' Relief,	22 40	
Express and Registration,	55	
	$342 30	$342 30

W. H. Middleton,
Treasurer.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covonant, and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information

relative to the state of the church; Prioyded however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in offlce until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in the Mission work within our bounds, and during the interval, between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churohes which neglect to preserve Gospel Order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 12. The Annual Session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding Session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each Session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily Session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily Session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers, and each other, that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the Session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any Session of the Association, by a majority vote.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	Baptized,	Received by letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by letter,	Excluded,	Died,	White males,	White females,	Total membership,	Time of meeting	Pastor's Salary	Church
Barlow's Chapel	15	1	....	2	1	1	46	55	101	4th Sun.	150 00	
Bethel	2	1	....	1	1	....	52	87	139	4th Sun. and Sat.	45 70	
Beulah,	12	12	1	....	4	1	63	72	135	1st Sun.	60 00	28
Boyken's Chapel	1	1	2	4	1	6	47	79	126	1st Sun. and Sat.	60 00	
Berea	2	....	2	4	....	2	18	40	58	3d Sun and Sat.	48 00	
Bowden's	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	43	3d Sun.	....	
Bee Marsh,	....	....	1	....	2	2	38	78	116	3d Sun. and Sat.	75 00	
Bethlehem	16	3	2	....	....	1	87	94	181	1st Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
Bear Branch,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Burgaw	11	....	....	2	....	1	41	45	86	4th Sun.	100 00	
Brooklyn	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Clinton,	....	1	....	6	....	3	93	113	206	1st and 3d Sun.	250 00	25
Concord,	3	....	1	2	1	1	34	39	73	1st Sun. and Sat.	115 00	
Corinth	11	1	2	1	....	2	60	81	141	3d Sun.	100 00	3
Colvin's Creek,	5	....	....	....	1	....	20	24	44	1st Sun.	30 00	
Caintuck Chapel,	....	3	1	1	1	1	70	80	150	2d Sun.	125 00	
Caswell,	....	3	....	2	2	....	34	52	86	4th Sun.	100 00	
Catherine Lake,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Castle Hayne,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Cedar Grove,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Dobson's Chapel,	....	2	....	....	1	2	50	58	108	3d Sun.	....	
Ebenezer,	....	3	1	3	....	1	30	29	59	3d Sun.	60 00	
Emma's Chapel,	2	....	4	....	1	1	26	40	66	1st Sun.	50 00	
Hallsville	5	1	2	2	....	4	42	85	127	4th Sun. and Sat.	....	
Haw Bluff	6	2	3	1	....	3	63	77	140	3d Sun.	75 00	15
Island Creek	31	1	2	2	....	5	81	126	2 7	1st Sun. and Sat.	1.00 00	
Ivanhoe,	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	11	4th Sun.	....	
Johnson's	....	....	....	1	....	1	59	75	134	1st Sun and Sat.	150 00	
Jacksonville	26	6	....	....	4		31	35	66	3d Sun a. m., p. m.	75 00	
Kenansville,	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2d Sun.	125 00	
Kerr's	....	1	....	....	....	2	12	16	28	1st Sun.	....	
Long Creek,	3	2	1	3	....	....	46	81	127	1st Sun.	60 00	
Lisbon	2	2	....	3	....	....	49	54	103	1st Sun. and Sat.	125 00	
Maple Hill,	9	....	....	2	....	....	14	13	27	2d Sun. and Sat.	20 00	
Mary's Chapel,	1	....	....	....	1	....	25	41	66	....	....	
Masonboro,	7	....	1	6	1	2	60	94	154	1st Sun.	100 00	5
Moore's Creek,	....	2	....	6	....	2	21	28	49	....	42 00	
Mt. Gilead,	....	1	....	2	1	4	75	118	193	3d Sun.	100 00	
Mt. Olive,	....	....	....	....	....	3	33	72	105	4th Sun.	....	
Mt. Holly,	....	....	1	4	6	3	49	81	130	2d Sun. and Sat.	50 00	
Magnolia,	....	....	1	3	3	3	48	90	138	4th Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
New Hope,	9	3	....	....	....	2	75	118	193	2d Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
Olive Branch,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Olivet	3	5	1	....	1	1	18	25	43	4th Sun and Sat.	....	
Piney Grove	8	1	2	3	....	2	57	89	146	2d Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
Poplar Grove,	3	6	....	1	....	....	41	57	98	3d Sun. and Sat.	84 00	
Providence	3	5	....	1	1	....	18	29	47	2d Sun.	50 00	
Rose Hill	....	....	....	1	....	....	4	12	16	No regular time.	42 00	
Riley's Creek	....	....	....	2	3	1	86	106	192	3d Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
Sharon	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	68	2d Sun. and Sat.	....	
Siloam,	22	10	2	6	1	1	66	74	140	3d Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
Shiloh,	13	....	1	7	4	1	91	130	221	3d Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
Springdale,	14	2	....	1	3	1	45	66	111	2d Sun. and Sat.	100 00	
South Side,	5	33	....	2	....	2	26	44	70	Twice each Sun.	215 52	34
Salem,	....	....	....	3	7	3	39	47	86	3d Sun.	119 18	
Teachey's	7	6	2	....	8	2	61	60	121	2d Sun.	125 00	
Warsaw,	....	....	....	3	2	3	70	117	187	2d Sun.	150 00	
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CHURCHES.	Pastors and Post Offices.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Superintendents and Post
Barlow's Chapel	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	A. W. King, Sloop Point	James Andrews, S'oo
Bethel	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	Maury Ward, Joford	
Beulah,	E. L. Parker, Lisbon	C. I. Thompson, Turkey	J L. Britt, Turkey,
Boykin's Chapel	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	L. M. Boykin, Clinton	E. Williamsor, Clin
Berea	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	J. C. Brevant, Wallac
Bowden's	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive	W. S. Loften	
Bear Marsh,	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	I. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive	W. J. Walker Mt Oli
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Pt. Caswell	W. C Keith, Keith	W. C. Keith, Keith
Bear Branch,			
Burgaw,	M C. Walton, Wilmington	J. D. Hocut, Ashton	J T. Bland, Burgaw
Brooklyn.			
Clinton,	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	H. J. Hines, Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinto
Concord,	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive	W. A. Moore, Natural Wells	W. D. Williams, Nat'
Corinth,	A. J. Taylor, Mt. Olive	I J Johnson, Rose Hill	
Colvin's Creek,	C. D. Peterson, Dalila	B. C. Henry, Atkinson	W G Harrell, Atkinso
Caintuck Chapel,	S D. Swaim, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Natmore	D J Corbet , Natmore
Caswell,	F. T. Wooten, Pt. Caswell	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie.	W D Malpass, Pt Cas
Catherine Lake,			
Castle Hayne,			
Cedar Grove,			
Dobson's Chapel,	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville	W B Haws, Xenia
Ebenezer,	R. C. Sandling, Clinton	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	R Highsmith, Parker
Emma's Chapel,	L R. Carroll, Warsaw	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	T A Marshbur n, Ric
Hallsville,	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh	W J Sandling, Halls
Haw Bluff,	W. A Melvin, Harrel's Store.	N. R. Croom, Colly	W T Brown, Magrud
Island Creek,	A. J. Taylor, Mt. Olive	J. M Wallace, Cavenaugh	E Heldt, Rose Hill
Ivanhoe,	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	D. L. Gurganus, Ivanhoe	D L Gurganus Ivanh
Johnson's,	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	L Middleton, Warsaw	W H Middleto n, Wa
Jacksonville,	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	I. E. Ketchum, Jacksonville	M B Humphre , Jack
Kenansville,	W L Bilbro, Warsaw	J. A. Gavin, Kenansville	A D Ward, K
Kerr's,	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	R. H. DeVane	
Long Creek,	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw	H. F. Brinson, Daughton	J P Herring, Daughto
Lisbon,	S D. Swaim, Wilmington	W B Lamb, Ingold	D L Herring, Clear R
Maple Hill,	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw	J. B. Marshburn, Maple Hill	
Mary's Chapel,	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	F M. Southerland, Kenansville	J B Houston, Kenansv
Masonboro,	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	A. J. Hewlett, Wilmington	Elijah Hewlett, Wilm
Moore's Creek,	W A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	E. R. Woodcock, Odessa	
Mt. Gilead,	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	H E Peterson, Clinton
Mt. Olive,		J. F. Oliver, Mt Olive	
Mt. Holly,	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw	I. Carroll, So Washington	A Carroll, So. Washin
Magnolia,	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia	C W Hollingsworth, M
New Hope,	C. G Wells, Warsaw	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs	C E Daniel, Turkey
Olive Branch,			
Olivet,	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw	A. B. Cowan, Rocky Point	A S Lanier, Rocky P
Piney Grove,	A. J. Taylor, Mt. Olive	G. W. Highsmith Clinton	W I Lane, Faisons
Poplar Grove,	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive	W. D Stevens Faisons	W D Stevens, Faison
Providence,	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	H E. King, Peanut	J W Spicer, Peanut
Rose Hill,	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	
Riley's Creek,	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point	A J Harrelson, Rocky
Sharon,		W. D. Brock, Cavanaugh	
Siloam,	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	N.F.Highsmith Harrels Store	W A Melvin, J. Harrel
Shiloh,	F. T. Wooten, Pt Caswell	C. C. Woodcock, Moore Creek	H A Bland, Moore's C
Springvale,	R. C. Sandling, Clinton	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	A F Robinson, Ingold
South Side,	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington	J. F. Littleton Wilmington	J S Canady, Wilming
Salem,	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	M. M. Capps, Speeds Ferry	E Z Milton, Speed's F

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ASSOCIATION

1896

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—OF THE—

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

CHURCH AT ISLAND CREEK,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 6, 7, and 8th, 1896.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

Place of Meeting: ..... Kenansville.
Time: .. Tuesday, After 1st Sunday in Oct., 1897.
Introductory: .... Rev. W. B. Oliver.
Missionary Sermon: ..... " S. D. Swaim.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Rev. J. L. Stewart, Clinton, N. C.

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TREASURER:

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A. A. Butler,	W. L. Bilbro,	W. B. Oliver,
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W. S. Ballard,	R. S. Bateman.	

PROCEEDINGS.

THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Fifty-third Annual Session with Island Creek Church, in Duplin county, October 6th, 1896.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by C. G. Wells. Subject, Christian Baptism.

Recess for dinner.

Afternoon session. Devotional exercises by A. A. Butler, who read 23rd Psalm and offered prayer.

The Association was then called to order by Moderator S. D. Swaim.

Roll of Churches called. Fifty-four of the sixty churches responded. Delegates enrolled as follows:

Barlow Chapel—R. S. Atkinson, A. W. King, W. R. Atkinson.
Bethel—W. J. Fryar, I. D. Alderman, Abner Page.
Beulah—N. C. Faison, M. V. Blount, W. H. Carroll.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, O. L. Herring.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, Joseph Brooks, H. B. Stallings.
Bowden's—C. D. Hightower, L. C. Koonce.
Bear Marsh—John King, W. H. Brown, R. J. Walker.
Bethlehem—W. P. Croom, Alonzo Pridgen, D. I. Corbett.
Bear Branch—J. P. Brinson, T. J. Moore, J. T. Wilson.
Burgaw—T. J. Vann, J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocut.
Brooklyn—J. W. Kramer.
Clinton—B. S. Peterson, J. L. Stewart.
Concord—D. D. Wells, B. W. Matthews.
Corinth—J. L. Ward, D. W. Fussell, J. T. Wilkins.
Colvin's Creek—T. H. Woodcock, J. P. Lewis, D. M. Lewis.
Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, F. M. Marshall, Chris. Moore.
Caswell—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Bloodworth, C. D. Blizzard.
Catharine Lake—not represented.
Castle Hayne—W. L. Tart.

Cedar Grove—by letter.
Dobson's Chapel—S. C. Register, T. Kirkpatrick, W. H. Murray.
Ebenezer—J. A. Tatum.
Emma's Chapel—A. J. Scott.
Hallsville.—J. B. Brown, C. C. Williams, D. J. Farrior.
Haw Bluff—N. R. Croom, L. C. Boswell, J. C. Boswell.
Island Creek—E. M. Teachey, W. J. Mallard, W. W. Cook.
Ivanhoe—C. C. Corbett, J. F. Lewis, C. R. Corbett.
Johnson's—J. A. Powell, L. Middleton, Jamie Carlton.
Jacksonville—W. P. Kelly, R. L. Burton.
Kenansville—Henry Dial, B. C. Barden, L. M. Cooper.
Kerr's—F. F. Newton, R. H. Devane.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, J. F. Herring, J. J. Croom.
Lisbon—D. L. Herring, J. C. D. Herring, W. B. Lamb.
Maple Hill—E. P. Powers, J. R. Marsburn.
Mary Chapel—by letter.
Masonboro—by letter.
Moore's Creek—not represented.
Mt. Gilead—A. C. Peterson, E. Williamson, B. Matthews.
Mt. Olive—W. B. Hood, W. J. Flowers, G. W. Albritton.
Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, Henry Croom, L. C. Carroll.
Magnolia—L. W. Brown, H. M. Swinson.
New Hope—C. E. Daniel, L. C. Carlton.
Olive Branch—W. L. Tart.
Olivet—A. S. Lanier, E. D. Walker, N. J. Lanier.
Piney Grove—W. I. Lane, Erastus Royall, S. H. Hare.
Poplar Grove—not represented.
Providence—J. H. Hildreth.
Rose Hill—D. N. Pope.
Riley's Creek—J. W. Ellers, S. W. Rayner, L. L. Mason.
Sharon—J. F. Wallace, Z. Blanchard, R. C. Sewell.
Siloam—Levi Johnson, Love Jones.
Shiloh—G. A. Garris, A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson.
South Side—J. S. Canady, T. H. Leavitt, R. B. Moore.
Salem—W. L. Wilkins, Daniel Walker, E. Z. Milton.
Teachey's—J. W. Teachey, A. E. Croom, W. D. Teachey.
Warsaw—L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton, D. L. Gavin.
Well's Chapel—J. R. Newkirk, D. H. Newkirk, W. L. Moore.
Wilmington—S. G. Hall.
Willard—W. F. Bowen, Joel Jones.

The Moderator announced that a majority of churches being represented, it is now in order to elect the officers for the ensuing year. F. A. Fennell and A. J. Taylor were appointed as tellers. Result: J. L. Stewart Moderator, A. R. Herring Clerk, W. H. Middleton, Treasurer. Announcement: Rev. T. H. Leavitt will preach at the stand.

By motion, the order of business as read from Minutes of 1891, was made the order of business for this session.

Motion by R. W. Horrell, that the letters from the churches to the Association be read at the next session of this body. After remarks, Bro. S. G. Hall moved to refer the whole matter to a committee, and it was so ordered. Thereafter it was moved that the motion for a reference be reconsidered, and it was so ordered; upon such reconsideration Bro. Hall was allowed without objection, to withdraw the motion to refer. The question recurring on the motion requiring the reading of the letters, the same was lost.

Qn motion by J. T. Albritton, Rule of Order Nine be amended by inserting after the word "adjourn" and before "to amend" the words "to lay on the table." So ordered.

On motion by J. T. Albritton that the words in the first Order of Business, "Reading Church Letters," be stricken out and the words "Calling the Roll of Churches" be substituted therefor. It was so ordered. Petitionary letters called for. No response. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Dr. John Mitchell in the interest of Education, J. C. Caddell for *Biblical Recorder*, B. S. Peterson for *N. C. Baptist*, J. B. Newton from West Chowan Association, Revs. Benjamin Ward and J. W. Nobles from Atlantic Association, and Rev. R. W. Grizzard of Portsmouth, Va., were welcomed by Moderator.

On motion, L. Middleton, C. C. Corbett, D. J. Corbett were appointed Committee on Finance. On motion, Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed as follows: Pastor and Deacons of the church, with W. J. Fryar and J. S. Canady added. Qn motion, the chair appointed a committee on Digest of Church Letters as follows: S. D. Swaim, C. G. Wells, J. T. Albritton. On motion, Rev. J. E. White was substituted for C. Durham, on committe on State Mission, W. L. Bilbro for J. B. Boone on Periodicals, A. Johnson for J. B. Boone on the Orphanage. L. R. Carroll moved to appoint a committee to nominate

an Executive Committee. So ordered. Committee: S. D. Swaim, I. Carroll, E. D. Walker.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises: J. W. Kramer to preach at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning 9:30, to be conducted by Rev. J. B. Newton. Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m., by L. R. Carroll. In the afternoon preaching at the stand by Rev. J. W. Nobles. To-morrow night 7:30 by S. D. Swaim. Bro. B. S. Peterson moved to adjourn the Association. Dismissed by Rev. J. T. Albritton, to meet at 9:30 to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Special Order—Report of Executive Committee and State Missions. The report of the Executive Committee was read by J. T. Bland. While waiting for report on State Missions an invitation was extended to visiting brethren. J. E. White Corresponding Secretary, A. Johnson for *Charity and Children* and the Orphanage, and Dr. N. B. Cobb of Sandy Creek responded. Report on State Missions read by J. E. White. Association was then addressed by L. R. Carroll, J. T. Bland and J. E. White, after which a collection was taken for State Missions—amount $14.00. By request, J. T. Bland addressed the Association in the interest of Jacksonville church debt. Pending the adoption of the report the hour for the Missionary Sermon was announced. L. R. Carroll moved that the Association do not suspend for the sermon; after remarks, motion was withdrawn. Motion by L. R. Carroll that the report on the Orphanage be made special order for 2 p. m. Objection by J. T. Bland. By J. T. Albritton that the motion to adopt the reports on State and Associational Missions be made special order for 3:30 p. m., and that the report on the Orphanage be the first business after dinner. Adopted. On motion, Association adjourned until after dinner. During intermission J. E. White by request preached the Missionary sermon from 1 Cor. 16:8–9. After which a collection for Foreign Missions was taken amounting to $15.28.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SPECIAL ORDER ORPHANAGE.

Report read and Association addressed by A. Johnson. Collection for Orphanage $10.20. Moderator requested that the Treasurer and Finance Committee pay to A. Johnson all moneys in their hands for the Orphanage. Adopted. Report on Periodicals spoken to by J. C. Caddell and B. S. Peterson. Report as read adopted. Report on Home Missions was read by A. A. Butler and discussed by A. A. Butler and N. B. Cobb. Adopted. By motion the report on State Missions was taken up.

Motion by L. R. Carroll, that the roll of churches be called for pledges to State and Associational missions for next year, and to ascertain if the churches would pay balance of apportionment of Jacksonville church debt assigned them. Remarks by J. H. Hildreth and M. C. Walton. Adopted. Motion to adjourn. Announcement by committee on Devotional Exercises. Prayer meeting by R. W. Grizzard 9:30 a. m. Preaching at stand by J. L. Stewart at 11 a. m. Preaching to-night at Pin Hook by T. H. Leavitt. Final leave of absence granted W. B. Lamb and others. Dr. N. B. Cobb said that he would take subscriptions for the Baptist Almanac. Benediction by Dr. John Mitchell. Adjourned to meet Thursday morning 9:30.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. John Mitchell. Association called to order by Moderator at 10 a. m. Roll of delegates called. Minutes of preceding day read and approved. On motion by J. T. Albritton committee was appointed to nominate delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Committee: G. A. Herring, J. H. Hildreth and W. S. Johnson. By motion, L. R. Carrell was added to the committee.

Report on Education by C. G. Wells. The Association was addressed by Dr. John Mitchell, after which pledges were taken for Ministerial education for ensuing year. Report adopted. Report of Trustees Warsaw High School; after remarks by C. G. Wells report was adopted. Report of committee to nominate Delegates read as follows:

Your committee recommend S. D. Swaim, O. P. Meeks, J. T. Albritton, A. A. Butler, D. J. Corbett, C. C. Corbett, J. T, Bland, C. E. Daniel and F. A. Fennell, as delegates to Baptist State Convention, and J. L. Stewart, W. B. Oliver, S. D. Swaim.

J. T. Albritton, O. P. Meeks, M. C. Walton, G. A. Herring, S. M Carlton, I. Carroll, J. S. Canady, S. G. Hall, D. N. Page and L R. Carroll, to Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted Motion by A. J. Taylor that J. L. Stewart preach at the stand at 11 a m to-day. Passed. S. D. Swaim was called to the chair. Motion that the Association suspend business to hear the sermon. Association was addressed by J. T. Albritton. Motion lost. Report on Ministers' Relief by L. R. Carroll. Pending motion to adopt Association was addressed by L. R. Carroll. In his remarks he requested that two collections be taken during the year for aged ministers. Report adopted. Announcement: J. H. Hildreth will now preach at the stand.

Report of committee to nominate Executive committee by S. D. Swaim recommends the re-election of present committee. Adopted. Report on Sunday Schools read by D. L Herring. S. D. Swaim moved to adopt report as read. By J. T. Albritton, a motion to amend, by instructing the clerk not to ingraft the report in the Minutes. Report as amended adopted. Proposition by S. G. Hall to furnish the churches with a printed copy of the report on Sunday Schools. Proposition accepted. Report of Finance committee, by D. J. Corbett, was adopted. Report of committee on Church letters, by J. T. Albritton, was adopted. Motion by J. T. Albritton to raise a committee on Place and Introductory sermon. So ordered. Committee: W. L. Bilbro, C. E. Daniel, S M. Carlton. Motion that the letters from Clinton and Bear Marsh be referred to committee on Place. So ordered. Motion by J. T. Albritton that Article 13 be amended by striking out all after character. Pending the adoption of report the Association was addressed by C. G. Wells, J. T. Albritton, L. R. Carroll. Motion lost. Report of committee on Place and Preacher. Motion by C. G. Wells to amend by substituting Bear Marsh in place of Kenansville. Amendment lost. By A. A. Butler to amend by substituting Clinton for Kenansville. Amendment lost. Report as recommended by committee was adopted. Moved by J. T. Albritton that S. D. Swaim be appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at the next session of the Association. Motion adopted: Resolution by J T. Albritton.

Resolved, That this Association hereby express their profound gratitude to God for His signal blessing upon the efforts of our brethren of England and America to evangelize the heathen world during the century that is behind us.

Resolved, That we, as a component part of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and of the S. B. Convention, re-affirm our adherence to, and sympathy with, the organized work of both Conventions, and pray and strive for its future success and enlargement in all its departments.

Resolution adopted. Motion by L R Carroll to reconsider the vote by which the motion to nominate delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions passed. So ordered. By L R. Carroll, to amend so that all the names of delegates recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention be stricken out but one. Adopted. L. R. Carroll moved that a committee be appointed to ascertain if any member of the Ministers' Relief Society is still living. So ordered. Committee: S. M. Carlton, C. E. Daniel and L. R. Carroll. Report of Treasurer submitted and adopted. Motion by S. G. Hall, that the amount of money in the hands of the Treasurer of Colportage be paid to the Treasurer of the Executive committee. Adopted. Motion by C. G. Wells that a committee be appointed to examine the Constitution and Order of Business to ascertain if any amendments or changes are necessary, and to report at the next session of this Association Committee: C. G. Wells, S D. Swaim, and R. W. Horrell. Adopted. Motion by A. A. Butler that J. L. Stewart be added to committee as its chairman. So ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolution by J. L. Stewart.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Association, that some of the churches composing the same, have lately been much disturbed by the prevalency among their membership, of certain views of God's Word, under the name of "The Second Blessing," "Sinless perfection,"—sinlessness, and instantaneous entire sanctification from all sin in this life, and whereas, this Association deems such views subversive tothat Gospel Order, on the basis of which our churches are associated, and that they be fully advised of the position of the Association as to such views, and the course of discipline to be observed by them toward any of their respective members embracing and seeking to propagate such views to the end that such course of discipline be uniform upon the part of all the churches. Now, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association holds and advises the churches as follows :

First. That Sanctification is the cleansing of the sinner from the guilt, power and pollution of sin, and the renewal of the believer in the image of Christ.

Second, That Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit in effecting which various means and instrumentalities are used —chiefly God's Word and His providences; that it is, therefore not instantaneous, but begins in regeneration, progresses through life and is complete in death, or certainly at the resurrection.

Third, That it is not identical with but includes and is in this life, concurrent with the believer's growth in grace.

Fourth, That the churches withdraw fellowship from such of their members as embrace and seek to propagate views in accord with those set out in the recital of these resolutions, and contrary to those set forth in the resolutions themselves, after due efforts for their reclamation and failure therein.

Moved by J. L. Stewart that these resolutions be adopted. After remarks by J. L. Stewart the motion was adopted. Motion by J. S. Canady that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the *N. C. Baptist* and *Biblical Recorder*, with request to publish the same. It was so ordered. Resolution of thanks:

Resolved, That the Association hereby express its grateful appreciation for the generous hospitality of the Island Creek Baptist Church, and of the good people of this community generally.

Adopted by unanimous vote

Motion by A. A. Butler that J. L. Stewart be requested to preach at 2 p. m , on the subject of Bible Sanctification. Adopted Motion to adjourn by N. C. Faison. After prayer by Dr. John Mitchell, the Association adjourned, to meet at Kenansville, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1897.

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator.*

A. R. HERRING, *Clerk.*

The following Ministers were present at this session of the Association, viz : J. L. Stewart, S. D. Swaim, J. T. Albritton, L. R. Carroll, R. W. Horrell, W. L. Bilbro, C. F. Hopper, A. A. Butler, A. J. Taylor, M. C. Walton, N. A. Shelly, C. G. Wells, J. W. Kramer, J. B. Newton, R C Sandling, J. W. Nobles, John Mitchell, Benjamin Ward, N. B. Cobb, R. W. Grizzard, W. L. Tart, J. H. Hildreth, T. H. Leavitte, J. E. White.

COMMITTEES:

State Missions—J. E. White, D. C. Middleton, R. W. Horrell.
Foreign Missions—O. P. Meeks, Maury Ward, L. R. Highsmith.
Home Missions—M. C. Walton, M. W. Teachey, A. A. Butler.
Education—C. G. Wells, D. S. Ray, L. R. Carroll.
Periodicals—J. C. Caddell, B. S. Peterson, W. L. Bilbro.
Sunday Schools—D. L. Herring, L. C. Boswell, C. F. Hooper.
Ministers' Relief—L. R. Carroll, F. A. Fennell, J. H. Swinson.
Orphanage—A. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, D. N. Page.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(Adopted.)

Your committee respectfully report that during the year the following brethren have been laboring at the following places: S. D. Swaim, at Salem. J. H. Hildreth, at Providence. G. V. Tilly, at Catharine Lake, Emma's Chapel, Tar Landing and Davis School House. L. R. Carroll and A. J. Taylor, at Chinquepin or Sharon. W. L. Bilbro, at Hallsville. N. A. Shelly, at Olivet. W. L. Tart, at Castle Hayne.

It is a matter of regret that our missionaries have failed to make report of their work as required by our constitution, and by reason of their failure your committee have not the data from which to report more fully their work, or the result of their labors.

J. T. Bland, for Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we are able to report progress in our State Mission work The Lord has greatly blessed the work of our missionaries. The Gospel has been preached to 450 congregations. Believers have been baptized, churches have been built, and the kingdom of Christ and the cause of the truth have been greatly advanced in our State by our faithful missionaries. Ninety-eight missionaries are at work under the direction of the Board of Missions. Forty are located in the western part of the State, thirty-four in the eastern, and twenty-four in the central section of our convention. The outlook for next year is inspiring. We must enlarge the work. The destitution is still great. Opened up by rail roads it is brought within our reach and it appeals loudly for help. We urge the churches of the Eastern to increase their pledges—at present we are in great need of money. Only $5,000 has been received. We have only six weeks before the Convention in which to raise the balance due our missionaries. We recommend that each church in this Association be asked for a special cash collection during the next month to enable us to avoid a debt.

Jno. E. White.
R. W. Horrell.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is in great need of the sympathy and help of the Baptist people of our State. There are one hundred and forty-four children there, and as soon as the central building is completed, which we hope will be this year, the number will be increased to two hundred. Orphans from all over our State are knocking at our doors. Brethren, we must furnish them a home. With the completion of our new home a new era will open upon the Orphanage. We hope to establish a first-class graded school that will offer advantages equal to those of any common school in the State.

Funds this fall, instead of increasing have diminished, and we appeal to the brethren to come to the aid of this work that ought to lie very near our hearts.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,
D. N. PAGE.
W. S. JOHNSON.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

More and more we realize the necessity of our people being informed about our Denominational interests. We can not be interested about what we know nothing. Our zeal in the progress of our work, and the extent of our help, will be measured by the most part by the extent of our information concerning it. We realize the importance therefore of urging all our people who can, to take and read all the good literature possible. We especially recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, for sixty-three years the organ of our Convention and a necessity in the home of every Baptist. We also recommend the *N. C. Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, and the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. C. CADDELL, for Com.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions desires to report the following:

This department of our work is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board has for its territory all the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention, the Indian Territory and Cuba. The Board is doing, or endeavoring to do for this territory, what our State Board is doing for North Carolina. Our work in Cuba is suffering to some extent from the war, but not so much as we at once feared. We know that our God is able, and will make it all turn out for our good and His glory. We regard this as an important work, and therefore recommend that each church in this Association take at least one collection for this work during the year.

A. A. BUTLER, for Committee.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

Article 2 of the Constitution of North Carolina Baptist State Convention says in part: "The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College; to educate young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State." The Eastern Baptist Association is in full accord with the utterances of the Baptist State Convention on the subject of education.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

The enrolment of students at Wake Forest College last year reached 260, the largest in its history. The enrolment during the current session has reached 244. The effort to endow the William Royal Chair of English has been crowned with success. Bible instruction is now provided for in the regular college course. We commend the movement that is on foot to endow the Columbus Durham Chair of the Bible. Three years ago a Department of Law was established and 67 students were enroled in it last session. We recommend that a Department of Medicine be established as soon as practicable. A positive Christian atmosphere was maintained last year and the session was marked by one of the most blessed revivals ever experienced ni the college. The prevalence of the Christian spirit and work does not antagonize the spirit of progressive study and research.

EDUCATION OF MINISTERS.

The leaders of Christian thought and activity ought to be educated. Many who have been called into the Ministry cannot

readily meet the expense of a course of study in college. The Board of Education was created by the Baptist State Convention to assist in educating "young men called of God, and approved by the churches to which they belong."

The extent of the work of the Board is dependant upon the contributions of Christian people. Thirty-five men were aided last session. Twenty-two are now being aided at Wake Forest College. The Board cannot extend aid to all who need it. The churches must say whether the work of ministerial education shall languish or go forward.

BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

The Baptist Female University is a necessity. The elegant building in course of erection at Raleigh ought to be pushed to completion at once. That cannot be done without liberal contributions from the people who are friendly to the higher education of women.

EDUCATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

Under present conditions the great majority of the children are dependent upon the State for the rudiments of an education. As a concession to the emergency upon which we have fallen, we favor the maintenance of primary schools by the State, and would encourage in all possible ways every honorable effort to increase their efficiency.

ENDOWED ACADEMIES.

Academies of learning ought to be fostered by our Associations. To bring them to the highest point of efficiency a permanent endowment fund of at least $10,000 for each ought to be created. We favor a system of endowed Baptist Associational Academies for North Carolina, as the best means of giving to the people of the State the desirable secondary education. We favor affiliation between these academies and Wake Forest College.

VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

The future of American civilization depends largely upon the extent to which Christian education shall prevail. Education, so far as it is distinctively Christian, must be furnished on the voluntary principle or not at all. We are unalterably opposed to the provision of the higher education by the State. It is not required by the State Constitution; it expends the money of the whole people to supply a luxury; it is public extravagance, for the voluntary principle will do the same work as well; io tends to debase the manhood of our citizens, teaching them tt rely upon the State for what they might secure by personal effort; it imperils the dearly won principle of Religious liberty; or it secularizes education, depriving the young men and women of the State, during the most critical period of life of positive

Christian influence. We believe it to be our duty as citizens, and our privilege as Christians, to resist the further extension of this evil policy so long as the necessity for resistance shall continue. In the future as in the past, our protest and resistance shall be manly and Christian in spirit and in method.

C. G. Wells, Chairman.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL

The Trustees of the Warsaw High School desire to report that the institution is enlarging its sphere of usefulness. The school has had newspaper advertising regularly during the past year, and a quantity of advertising matter has been distributed through the mails and otherwise. In July and August Superintendent Wells visited many churches in the Association, and delivered addresses in the interest of education. In this way we hope an impulse may be given to every educational interest. Some needed improvements have recently been made upon the building. A Gilbert Grand Piano has been purchased for the Department of Music and a new Remington Typewriter, No. Six, has been placed in the Department of Short-hand and Typewriting.

We desire to call attention to the fact that there are among the churches of the Eastern Association a number of young men who feel called of God to the work of the Ministry. If they are to be leaders and teachers among the churches, they ought to be trained and equipped for the discharge of the responsible duties to which they are called. We believe the churches ought to give some special attention to these young men.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. Middleton, Chairman of Board.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: S. D. Swaim.

Delegates to North Carolina State Convention: O. P. Meeks, S. D. Swaim, J. T. Albritton, A. A. Butler, D. J. Corbett, C. C. Corbett, J. T. Bland, C. E. Daniel and F. A. Fennell.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hildreth, for Com.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This Board has been in active operation about five years. During this time it has administered to the needs of 21 beneficiaries. Six of these brethren have died and two widows have

married, leaving 13 on the list whom the Board is trying to support as the churches by their contributions enable them to do. Amount received this year $421.26. To contribute cheerfully, regularly and liberally to the Board is a duty we owe to our aged and worn out brethren; a duty we owe to our churches and ourselves as individuals; a duty we owe to God. Hence we urge our pastors to keep this work constantly before their churches, and take at least one or two collections for this object during the year.

L. R. Carroll,
F. A. Fennell,
J. W. Swinson.

Committee to nominate Executive committee name the old Board for the ensuing year.

S. D. Swaim,
Isaiah Carroll,
E. D. Walker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Fifty-four churches sent letters to this body. Six churches failed to send letters. Only four reported revivals during the year although several others have held revival services which they failed to mention. The letters show but a small increase in membership. The gain by baptism and letter was 390, while the loss by dismission, death and exclusion was 345, leaving a net gain of 45 members.

Only three churches failed to report Sunday Schools. The greater part of the churches reported contributions to the various departments of work engaging the attention of the Association, though the amounts given are generally small. Your committee regret that they cannot report more fully or encouragingly.

The Clinton Church invites this body to convene with them next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

Report of committee on place and preacher for next session:
Introductory Sermon by W. B. Oliver.
Place of meeting, Kenansville, N. C.

W. L. Bilbro, for Com.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent with letters:		$566.33
By amount for State Missions,	$177.10	
" " " Home Missions,	76.86	
" " " Foreign Missions,	91.19	
" " " Orphanage,	76.89	
" " " Minute fund,	40.28	
" " " Ministerial Education,	23.96	
" " " Gospel Missions,	8.15	
" " " Ministers' Relief,	23.57	
" " " Jacksonville Church,	48.33	

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. CORBETT,
L. MIDDLETON,
C. C. CORBETT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. Middleton in account with Eastern Association for 1895.

To amount received from all sources:		$432.26
Appropriated as follows:		
State Missions,	$135.74	
Home Missions,	49.29	
Foreign Missions,	73.67	
Gospel Missions,	20.14	
Education,	26.08	
Ministers' Relief,	18.29	
Orphanage,	63.48	
Minute Fund,	40.57	
Colportage,	5.00	
	$432.26	$432.26

Sunday School Association on hand, $9.35.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually frem among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in the Mission work within our bounds, and during the interval, between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel Order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The Annual Session of this Association shall com-

mence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

ART. 14. This Gonstitution may be amended at any Annua Session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers, and each other, that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideretion, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall by admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association, by a majority vote.

Order of Business.

1. Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Report of other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
11. Adjournment.

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Beulah	C. G. Wells, Warsaw,	C. I. Thomson, Turkey,	J. L. Britt, Turk
Boykin's Chapel,	L. R Carroll, Warsaw,	L. M Boykin, Clinton,	E. Williamson, C
Berea,		Joseph Brooks, Wallace,	T. W. Stallings,
Bowden's,	A. A Butler, Warsaw,	W. S. Loftin, Bowden's,	G. A. Stokes, Bo
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Bear Branch,	N. A. Shelly, Pt. Caswell.	W. R Brinson, Montague,	
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Clinton,	O P. Meeks, Clinton,	C. S. Boyette, Clinton,	W. B. Stewart, Cl
Concord,	A. A. Butler, Warsaw,	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells,	
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Mary's Chapel,		F. M. Southerland, Kenansville,	
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Poplar Grove,			
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Wilmington,	W. B Oliver, Wilmington,	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington,	G. E. Leftwich, W
Willard,	R. W. Horrell, Burgaw,	W. F. Bowen, Willard.	Oscar Powers, W

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pledges. State Missions.	Pledges. Ministerial Education	Pledges. Total	Additions. Baptized	Additions. By Letter	Additions. Restored	Losses. Excluded	Losses. Died	Losses. By Letter	Membership White males	Membership White females	Membership Total	Papers taken	Time of Meeting.
Barlow's Chapel,	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 10.00	....	....	....	1	1	....	43	56	99	8	4th Sunday.
Bethel	7.00	2.50	9 50	2	....	....	....	4	7	49	80	129	....	4th Sunday & Saturday before
Beulah.....	6 00	....	6 00	....	3	1	....	2	3	59	73	132	3	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel,	5 00	2.00	7 00	5	....	....	....	2	3	51	81	131	8	1st Sunday & Saturday before
Berea	1.00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	. .	15	30	45	3	3rd Sunday " "
Bowden's..	4 00	....	4 00	....	....	....	....	....	1	11	27	38	2	3rd Sunday.
Bear Marsh....	4.00	2 50	6 50	...	3	....	5	....	4	35	77	112	....	3rd Sunday &Saturday before
Bethlehem	5.00	....	5 00	....	....	....	4	1	2	84	94	178	6	3rd Sunday " "
Bear Branch....	3 00	....	3 00	7	....	....	...	1	4	29	18	47	1	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw	7.50	4 00	11 50	8	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	2nd Sunday.

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FOR NEXT SESSION:

Place of Meeting: Siloam, Sampson County.
Time: Tuesday, After 1st Sunday in Oct., 1898.
Inductory Sermon: Rev. F. H. Farrington.
Missionary Sermon: Rev. J. J. Douglas.

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L. MIDDLETON,	A. R. HERRING,	

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J. L. STEWART,	C. E. DANIEL,	W. C. CARLTON,
ISAAC BROWN,	W. B. OLIVER,	S. A. STRICKLAND.

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C. F. HOPPER,	W. A. MELVIN.	T. H. LEAVITT.
N. A. SHELLY.	R. C. SANDLIN.	BEN'J WARD.
R. H. GILBERT.	L. R. CARROLL.	R. W. GRIZZARD.
J. J. DOUGLASS.	J. W. NOBLES,	F. H. FARRINGTON.
C. G. WELLS.	J. W. KRAMER,	W. B. OLIVER.
M. C. WALTON.	A. J. TAYLOR.	N. B. COBB.
O. P. MEEKS.	J. L. BRITT.	
W. S. BALLARD	G. V. TILLEY.	

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel Order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

ART. 14.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the porfession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman pro tem. shall be elected.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer. before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association, by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Call of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 5, 1897.

The Eastern Association met this day in its fifty-fourth session, in the meeting house of the Kenansville Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. B. Boon, (Orphanage,) text Matt. 25:34. After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

At 1.30 p. m. the Association was called to order by J. L. Stewart, the Moderator of the previous session, who read the 19th Psalm. O. P. Meeks led in prayer.

The roll of Delegates was ordered to be called. On motion of J. T. Albritton the Letters to this session of the Association was read by S. G. Hall and G. W. Carroll, Reading Clerks.

On motion of J. T. Albritton the Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance, as follows: G. E. Leftwich, W. H. Murray, and J. A. Powell.

On motion of J. T. Albritton the Moderator appointed the Pastor and Deacons of this church and Geo. A. Herring a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Delegates were enrolled, as follows:

Barlow's Chapel—Represented by Letter.
Bethel—C. C. Johnson, Maury Ward.
Beulah—N. C. Faison, W. J. Moore, G. W. Best.
Boykin's Chapel—O. L. Herring.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, D. W. Murray.
Bowden's—G. A. Stokes, J. A. Cornegay, C. D. Hightower.
Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton, W. H. Brown, R. J. Walker.
Bethlehem—By Letter.
Bear Branch—By Letter.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn—D. L. Gore, J. W. Kramer, J. H. Hildreth.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, George Tatum,
Concord—J. C. Boon, W. J. Matthews.
Corinth—D. W. Fussell, L. Matthews, I. J. Johnson.
Colvin's Creek—
Caintuck Chapel—T. W. Marshall.
Caswell—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Bloodworth.
Catherine Lake—John Marshburn.
Castle Haynes—S. Blossom.
Cedar Crove—
Dobson's Chapel—W. H. Murray, T. G. Dobson, S. C. Register.
Ebenezer—J. E. Highsmith, J. L. Highsmith, Seavy Highsmith.
Emma's Chapel—A. Hoffman, E. X. Cox.
Hallsville—J. D. Brown, W. J. Kennedy, D. W. Burton.
Haw Bluff—N. R. Croom.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, C. C. Teachey, Boney Wells.

Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett.
Johnson's—J. A. Powell, C. M. Middleton, H. S. Boyette.
Jacksonville—R. L Burton, T. J. Jarmon. W. P. Kelly.
Konansville—Thad Jones, W. B. Cooper, Henry Dail.
Kerr's—
Long Creek—G. A. Herring.
Lisbon—W. S Johnson, Francis Herring, A. B. Kelly.
Maple Hill—K. F. Powers, J. R. Marshburn, T. B. Fisher.
Mary's Chapel—J. H. McGowen, F. M. Southerland, A. B. Winders.
Masonboro—J. P. Walton, Alonzo Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—By Letter.
Mt Gilead—A. C. Peterson, B. Matthews.
Mt. Olive—D. A Thompson, Ben. Summerlin, A. Albritton.
Mt. Holly—W. T. Hodgers, Laban Carroll.
Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, H. M. Swinson, G. W. Carroll.
New Hope—Frank Best. Frank Pollock.
Olive Branch—
Olivet—E. D. Walker. F. E. Shepard.
Piney Grove—Edgar King, J. C. Hines.
Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers.
Providence—J. H. Hildreth
Rose Hill—D. N. Page.
Riley's Creek—M. C. Walton, Wm. Holly.
Sharon—W. H. Blanchard.
Siloam—Love Jones. J. B Highsmith.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring.
Spring Vale—S. M. Sanderson, E. F. Register.
Southside—F. H. Farrington, J. B. Harrell, R. B. Moore.
Salem—Benj. Ward.
Teachey's—A. E. Croom.
Warsaw—S. M. Carlton, H. G. Owen, S. A. Strickland,
Wells' Chapel—J. E. Page.
Wilmington—W. B. Oliver, G. E. Leftwich, Sam'l G. Hall, B. F. Keith
Willard—J. W. Nobles, E. F. English.

The Letters from Clinton, Mt. Olive, and Siloam, on motion, laid on the table.

The election of officers being in order, on motion of J. T. Albritton. the Clerk cast the vote of the Association for J. L. Stewart, who was chosen Moderator. On motion E. J. Edwards cast the vote for A. R. Herring, Clerk. On motion the Clerk cast the vote of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer.

The courtesies of the Association was extended to the Pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, of this place, by the Moderator.

W. L. Bilbro read a paper giving some of the history of the organization of the Eastern Association, and a welcome to the members of this session. After which J. T. Albritton read the Minutes, Roll of Delegates and Ministers present at this place when this body was organized. "The ministers had all passed over the river," said Dr. Mitchell. There were two delegates appointed to this session who were delegates in the organization. One present, N. C. Faison.

Petitionary Letters called for—there was no response.

By direction of the Association the Moderator announced the following committees:

State Missions—J. T. Albritton, J. C. Boon, W. H. Brown.
Foreign Missions—O. P. Meeks, D. D. Wells, J. C. Carroll.
Home Missions.—J. W. Kramer, I. J. Johnson, E. Heldt.
Education—S. D. Swaim, L. Carroll, W. M. Holly.
Periodicals.—R. H. Gilbert, J. H. Swinson, Frank Pollock.
Sunday Schools—L. R. Carroll, W. S. Johnson, J. H. Swinson.
Minister's Relief—R. C. Sandlin, B. Matthews, D. A. Thomson.
Orphanage—J. B. Harrell, J. H. Murray, M. C. Walton.

By motion of R. C. Sandlin, the Moderator appointed a Committee on Order of Business for this session.

Committee.—R. C. Sandlin J. J. Douglass, O. P. Meeks.

A motion was made by O. P. Meeks that the roll of churches be called but once to take pledges for the several objects, and that this call be made at the conclusion of the consideration of the report on Education. Adopted.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed to seats in the body: J. C. Cadell, for Biblical Recorder; Dr. John Mitchel, from the Central Association, in the interest of the Board of Education; J. B. Boone, the Thomasville Orphanage. E J. Edwards, for N. C. Baptist; O. J. Peterson, from Pilot Mountain Association.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report: Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 9:30, led by Joseph Aden. Association meet at 10 a. m., adjourn at pleasure. Missionary Sermon, at 11 a. m., by S. D. Swaim. Preaching to-night, by J. J. Douglas.

The Association adjourned after prayer by J. J. Douglass.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, led by Joseph Aden, the Association was called to order at 10 a. m., by the Moderator.

The Roll of Delegates was called, the minutes of previous day was read and confirmed.

The special order: The report of the Executive Committee together with the Report on State Missions were taken up. The Report of Executive Committee was read by L. R. Carroll, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, That during the year we have been aiding brethren G. V. Tilley, at Richlands, Tar Landing, and Catherine Lake; J. H. Hildreth, at Providence; Benjamin Ward, at Maple Hill; N. A. Shelly, at Olivet; W. L. Bilbro, at Hallsville and Chinquepin; and Joseph Aden, at Antioch, Prospect, Woodland, Beulahville, and Muddy Creek. These brethren report favorably from each of the bounds aforesaid, and we respectfully suggest more liberal pledges and contributions from the churches for the greater enlargement and more efficient prosecution of the work.

L. R. CARROLL,
For Committee.

J. T. Albritton read the report of Committee on State Missions, as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

In the work of State Missions God has richly blessed North Carolina Baptists. From 1870 to 1880 we nearly doubled our white membership, going from 40,000 to 75,000. From 1880 to 1896 we more than doubled our numerical strength. During this time twenty one new Associations were organized, mainly made necessary by enlargements through our State Mission work. In the last twenty years our missionaries have preached the Gospel in more than three thousand destitute places, and have organized over five hundred mission churches; four hundred of which are now self-supporting and contributing churches. Surely since the days of the Apostles on earth no work has been more successful in giving the Gospel to the people.

North Carolina is still a great harvest field for missionary effort. There are over one million people in the State out of Christ, according to the last census. More unsaved men and women in North Carolina to-day than ever before in all her history.

We have this year ninety missionaries working in forty-five counties and supplying three hundred destitute points with Gospel preaching. God has abundantly blessed their labors.

They had, up to August the 1st, been blessed with one thousand converts, and have organized sixty-nine new Sunday Schools on mission territory. For their faithful labors they have not been paid.

We recommend to the Churches of the Eastern Association that November be made by them all, State Mission month, and that each church take a collection for State Missions during the month of November, in order that our missionaries may be paid, a debt be avoided, and the work encouraged.

In the Minutes of this body at the date of its organization fifty-three years ago, occurs the following language, to which time and experience give additional emphasis: "In order to accomplish any grand and important undertaking it is necessary that there should be a union and co-operation of effort; and in all ages of the world men cherishing unanimity of sentiment have associated themselves in order to attain the objects which they may have had in view. Every contemplative mind must necessarily be led to the conclusion that this is right, and is right in one department or amongst one class of persons, it must be so amongst all."

Your committee recommend the appointment of Rev. L. R. Carroll as the Associational member of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ALBRITTON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. C. BOONE,
Committee.

The Association was then addressed by Jno. E. White, after which a cash collection was taken amounting to $26.89. The reports were further spoken to by J. T. Albritton, Joseph Aden, and G. V. Tilley.

Announcement: W. B. Oliver will preach in a few minutes in the Methodist Church.

After this announcement, brethren Benj. Ward, M. C. Walton, and N. A. Shelly spoke to the report of Executive Committee.

The reports as submitted were adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Report on State and Associational Missions, provided by Constitution, Morning at 10 o'clock.
Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.
At conclusion of Sermon, Report on Periodicals.
Adjourn 12:30 for dinner.
Report on Foreign Missions, 1:30.
Report on Orphanage, 2:30.
Report on Home Missions, 3:30.
Thursday—Report on Education, 10 a. m.
Report on Ministers' Relief, 11.
Report on Sunday Schools, 11:30.
We recommend 10 minutes as time for all except opening speeches.

R. C. SANDLIN,
O. P. MEEKS,
J. J. DOUGLAS.

The report was adopted.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Roll of Churches was called requesting the Delegates to say if the churches had or would pay the amount apportioned to their respective churches for the payment of the Jacksonville church debt. Adopted.

Barlow's Chapel—Paid.
Bethel—Paid.
Beulah—Will pay.
Boykin's Chapel—Will pay.
Berea—Will pay.
Bowden's—Paid.
Bear Marsh—Paid.
Bethlehem—Will pay.
Bear Branch—Will pay.
Burgaw—Paid.
Brooklyn—Will pay balance due.
Clinton—Will pay balance due.
Concord—Will pay balance due.
Corinth—Will pay.
Colvin's Creek—
Canetuck Chapel—Paid.
Caswell—Paid.
Catherine Lake—Will pay.
Castle Haynes—Paid.
Cedar Grove—Paid.
Dobson's Chapel—Will pay.
Ebenezer—Will pay.
Emma's Chapel—Will pay.
Hallsville—Will pay.
Haw Bluff—Paid.
Island Creek—Paid.
Ivanhoe—Have or will pay.
Johnson's—Paid.
Jacksonville—Will pay.
Konansville—Paid.
Kerr's—
Long Creek—Paid.
Lisbon—Paid.
Maple Hill—
Mary's Chapel—
Masonboro—Have or will pay.
Moore's Creek—
Mt Gilead—Will not pay.
Mt. Olive—
Mt. Holly—Paid.
Magnolia—Paid.
New Hope—Paid.
Olive Branch—
Olivet—Paid.
Piney Grove—Paid.
Poplar Grove—Will pay.
Providence—Paid.
Rose Hill—Will pay.
Riley's Creek—Paid.
Sharon—
Siloam—Will pay.
Shiloh—Will pay balance.
Spring Vale—Will pay.
Southside—Will pay.
Salem—Paid.
Teachey's—Paid.
Warsaw—Paid.
Wells' Chapel—Will pay.
Wilmington—Will pay balance due.
Willard—Paid.

S. G. Hall moved that the amounts of the unpaid apportionment of the Jacksonville church debt due by the several churches be ascertained by the Clerk, and that the same appear in the minutes. Carried.

On motion of R. C. Sandlin, Missionary Sermon was postponed till 8 o'clock to-night.

The Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled, 2 p. m.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by O. P. Meeks.

Announcement—J. E. White will preach in Methodist church at 3 o'clock.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSONS.

Recognizing the fundamental principle that our Lord made it the express object of his churches to send the Gospel abroad: Your committee find a remarkable falling off of contributions from our Association for this most important branch of our organized work With sixty churches composing our body, it ought to awaken the most serious reflection that our churches this year report less than $200 for our Foreign Mission Board, as well as a great falling off of contributions for the other departments of our organized work. This tendency if persisted in will result in the disruption of all co operate effort. When this result is reached then we shall see the end of all co operation in Associational, State, Home, and Foreign work; and the very end for which this Association and our Baptist State Convention were organized will be defeated. Therefore we see that our Lord Jesus Christ has chosen the race of humanity as his Israel, and as our Saviour did all His work systematically, we feel that all the great results thus far attained are by following in our Master's footsteps.

O. P. MEEKS,
F. H. FARRINGTON,
Committee.

The Association was then addressed by O. P. Meeks, J. E. White and W. B. Oliver, and the report was adopted.

J. B. Harrell read report of Committee on the Orphanage, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphange, located at Thomasville, N. C., is designed to care for the indigent orphans of the State. It is supported by the Baptists of the State, but takes orphans without regard to denominational connection.

There are now 156 orphans in the institution. During the 12 years of its history it has enrolled 374 orphans from 69 counties in the State and 9 from South Carolina. The central building has been completed and was occupied the 7th of last June. There remains, however, about $600 of debt on it, which is in bank and due the first of November next.

The health of the orphans is almost perfect. The crops this year are good, and the Orphanage is in better favor with our people than ever before.

J. B. HARRELL,
J. H. MURRAY,
M. C. WALTON,
Committee.

The Association was then addressed by J. B. Harrell, J. B. Boone. At the close of J. B. Boone's address a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage, and the report was adopted.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Moderator appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

Committee—J. C. Hines, S. M. Carlton, E. Heldt.

The Report of Committee on Home Missions was read by J. W. Kra-

mer. J. W. Kramer moved to make the Report on Home Missions special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow. W. B. Oliver moved to amend so as to make the report special order for 8 o'clock to night. Adopted.

Motion by J. T. Bland to instruct the Treasurer to pay funds sent up with Letters for State and Associational Missions to Treasurer of Executive Committee.

Substitute offered by J. B Harrell, that this matter be referred to delegates to decide.

On motion both propositions were tabled.

Motion by S. G. Hall that the amount of the contributions to State Missions be reported to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board with the request that he give the Treasurer of the Executive Committee an order for the same. After discussion, S. G. Hall asked to withdraw his motion; objected to by J. T. Albritton.

On motion of G. E. Leftwich the motion of S. G. Hall was tabled.

J. T. Albritton moved that a committee of five be appointed to take the matter of finance under advisement.

On division the above financial question was allowed to rest, on the statement by the Corresponding Secretary that he would, in case the funds sent under the item of State Missions should be sent to him, turn over to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee such part thereof as any church sending such fund would so request.

Final leave of absence was granted J. C. Boone and W. J. Hollingsworth.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report; Preaching in this church to-night at 7:30 by J. W. Kramer. Prayer meeting to-morrow at 9:30 a. m., led by O. J. Peterson. By W. B. Oliver, a motion to strike out so much of the report as refers to preaching. After the striking out, the report was accepted.

After singing the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

After song by choir and prayer by S. D. Swaim the Association was called to order by Moderator.

The special order, Report of Committee on Home Missions was taken up. The report was read by J. W. Kramer.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

More and more we know this work is the work of God and must succeed. Superior intelligence has caused it to blossom as the rose and advance with astonishing progress. This work has been greatly and often neglected by a great many of our country and city churches to our immortal shame. We have had our "State Mission Days," "Foreign Mission Days," but very few ' Home Mission Days." Are not the souls in Louisiana, Cuba, Indian Territory, worth as much as the souls in North Carolina? Did not The Christ give his life for them, and now desires His blood to fresco their hearts? The work under the excellent direction of

our venerable brother Dr. Tichenor, has been blessed as never before. We trust the day is not far distant when these Roman Catholics, Indians, Negroes will be humanized and sing the story of Calvary at the foot of the Cross. This Association gave last year to Foreign Missions $233.70; to Associational and State Missions $446.96; to Home Missions $166.09. Your committee would recommend that we look after the interests of Home Missions immediately.

JAMES W. KRAMER,
For Committee.

Pending its adoption the Association was addressed by J. W. Kramer, W. B. Oliver, J. B. Harrell, J. T. Albritton, O. P. Meeks, and Joseph Aden. Report was then adopted.

Resolution regarding Dr. Whitsitt was introduced by W. B. Oliver and adopted without discussion.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DR. WHITSITT.

Resolved, That we believe that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary does and must suffer in consequence of Dr. Whitsitt's connection with it.

Resolved, therefore, That the delegates to the approaching Baptist State Convention from this body, and from the churches within our territory, be requested to act in the interest of Dr. Whitsitt's removal from the positions of President of and Professor of Church History in our Seminary.

WILL B. OLIVER.
J. T. ALBRITTON.

After a song by the choir, prayer and benediction by W. B. Oliver, the Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 a. m. Prayer Service by O. J. Peterson.

The Association was called to order by Moderator at 10 o'clock.

Invitation extended by Moderator to visiting brethren.

Report on Education was submitted by S. D. Swaim, one of the committee and read by E. W. Sikes.

EDUCATION.

I. We rejoice that our Baptist people manifest so much interest in education, and that they are supporting various schools throughout the State. We realize that under present conditions, the great majority of the children are dependant upon the State for the rudiments of an education. We favor the maintenance of primary schools by taxation for the instruction of all the people, and encourage every honorable effort to increase their efficiency.

VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

II. The future of American civilization depends largely upon the extent to which Christian education shall prevail. Education, so far as it is distinctively Christian must be furnished on the voluntary principle or not at all. We are unalterably opposed to the provision of the higher education by the State. It is not required by the State Constitution; it expends the money of the whole people to supply a luxury; it is public extravagance, for the voluntary principle will do the same work as well; it tends to debase the manhood of our citizens, teaching them to rely

upon the State for what they might secure by personal effort; it imperils the dearly won principle of religious liberty; or it secularizes education, depriving the young men and women of the State, during the most critical period of life, of positive Christian influence. We believe it to be our duty as citizens, and our privilege as Christians, to resist the further extension of this evil policy so long as the necessity for assistance shall continue. In the future as in the past, our protest and resistance shall be manly and Christian in spirit and in method."

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

III. We firmly believe that the leaders in religious thought ought to be educated, but many "young men called of God and approved by the churches to which they belong," are unable to meet the expenses of a course of study in college To assist such needy young men the Board of Education was created by the Baptist State Convention; by means of this Board many of our best missionaries have secured the advantages of collegiate training. The extent of the work of this Board depends upon the contribution of Christian people. Whether the work shall languish or go forward depends upon the churches.

BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

IV. The Baptist Female University is a necessity. We believe in the education of our girls under Baptist influence, that they may become more efficient workers in our denomination. The exterior of the elegant building in course of erection is nearing completion. We urge our people to give liberally toward the erection of this building. We trust that its doors may be open by next September for the reception of our daughters.

ENDOWED ACADEMIES.

V. Our Association should foster academies of learning. To bring them to their highest efficiency, an endowment fund should be created. We believe that this is the best means of giving secondary education to our people. We favor affiliation between these academies and Wake Forest College.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

VI. Article 2 of the Constitution of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention declares in part: The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College to encourage education among the people of the State. The Eastern Association is in full accord with this utterance. We recognize that Wake Forest College has been a most potent factor in our denominational growth and in the educational development of our State. We look with pride upon its continued prosperity, despite competition into which it is forced. Wake Forest College is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina, and as such, looks to them for support. A positive Christian atmosphere has been maintained during the last year. The prevalence of the Christian spirit and work does not antagonise the spirit of progress, study and research.

Pending the adoption of the report, it was spoken to by E. W. Sikes, D. L. Gore, G. V. Tilley, and Dr. John Mitchell. Report was adopted.

Roll of churches was then called to secure pledges. [See table.]

The report on Minister's Relief was submitted and read, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Minister's Relief Board of the Baptist State Convention was raised about six years ago. During the years past they have assisted many of our worthy but aged and disabled ministers. They aided last year twenty or more of these brethren. We are sorry that the Board

cannot do more in this direction. We heartily commend the work of this Board to our churches as worthy of their liberal support. Let not God's servants, whose lives have been devoted to the great work of preaching the Gospel, end their days in abject poverty and suffering.

The report was spoken to by D. L. Gore and R. C. Sandlin. Adopted.

By request of L. R. Carroll fhe roll of churches was called for pledges to be paid in 30 days, to relieve the Executive Committee of present indebtedness. He was also allowed to take individual pledges and a cash collection for the same. The accounts of which are in his hands.

Your Committee to Nominate Executive Committee for Eastern Association beg leave to report the following named brethren: W. L. Bilbro, F. A. Fennell, L. Middleton, A. R. Herring, and G. E. Leftwich,

Signed,

S. M. CARLTON,
J. C. HINES,
E. HELDT.

Adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

FINANCE REPORT.

Total amount sent by Letters:

For State Missions	84.65
" Home Missions	41 08
" Foreign Missions	57.49
" Orphanage	69.75
" Minute Fund	46.21
" Gospel Missions	16.90
" Ministerial Education	47.88
" Ministers' Relief	32.53
" Jacksonville Church	8.50
" Associational Missoins	68.68
	473.67

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. LEFTWICH,
J. A. POWELL,
W. H. MURRAY.

Adopted.

Read by R. H. Gilbert:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

To be thoroughly awake to all the interests of our denomination we must be a reading people. There ought to be great care taken in selecting literature. Some one has said "When I walk in the sun, though I walk for another purpose, yet my skin is changed." So it is with the literature we read. It is impossible for us to read without being affected by what we read.

The Baptists of North Carolina ought to take the periodicals of their own State first. We are thoroughly convinced that our State papers have not broad enough circulation.

Your committee heartily recommend to our people "The Biblical Recorder," "North Carolina Baptist," "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Home Field," "Charity and Children," and the Sunday School literature for the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. H. GILBERT,
Chairman.

J. W. Kramer moved to amend report so as to include the Series of the American Baptist Publication Society. Adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

S. G. Hall moved to appoint a Committee on Place of Meeting, and preachers of stated sermons at our next annual meeting.

Substitutes and amendments were offered naming Clinton, Siloam, Mt. Olive as the place

Siloam was elected the place.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. MIDDLETON in account with Eastern Association, for 1896:

To amount received from Finance Committee		566.33
Collection for Foreign Missions		15.28
From Sunday School Association		9.35
		590.96
Disbursed as follows:		
State Missions	186.45	
Home Missions	76.86	
Foreign Missions	106.19	
Gospel Missions	8 15	
Orphanage	76.89	
Minute Fund	40.28	
Ministerial Education	23.96	
Ministers' Relief	23.57	
Jacksonville Church	48.33	
Money on hand	28	
	590.96	

Adopted.

On motion of J. T. Albritton, F. H. Farrington was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. J. Douglas the Missionary Sermon at our next annual meeting.

On motion of J. T. Albritton, W. B. Oliver, L. R. Carroll, W. L. Bilbro. and J. L Stewart were appointed delegates to Baptist State Convention.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the Association hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the Kenansville Baptist Church, and the other Christian congregations, and of the good people of this community generally.

Adopted by unanimous vote.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay all funds in his hands to the objects for which they were sent up.

J. T. Albritton moved that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the Minute Fund to the Clerk, and that he be instructed to print and distribute

1,000 copies of the Minutes. The balance of the Minute Fund in his hands shall be to compensate him for his services. Adopted.

The business of the Association having been completed, the Moderator asked Dr. John Mitchell to take charge of the closing exercises, who, after the singing of "God be with you," offered prayer, and the Association was adjourned to meet at Siloam, Sampson county, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1898.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associ'nl Missions.	Minister'l Educat'n.	Total Contrib's.
Barlow's Chapel	20.00	5.00	....	5.00	3.00	33.00
Bethel	2 50	2.00	....	7.00	2.00	13.50
Beulah	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00
Boykin's Chapel	.....	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	8.00
Berea	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	3.00
Bowden's	1.00	2.00	....	....	....	3.00
Bear Marsh	4.00	2.00	....	3.00	2.00	11.00
Bethlehem						
Bear Branch						
Burgaw	.....	....	....	10.00	3.00	13.00
Brooklyn	15.00	10.00	....	20.00	....	45.00
Clinton	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	....	25.00
Concord	.....	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	9.00
Corinth	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	18.00
Colvin's Creek						
Caintuck Chapel	20.00	3.00	....	5.00	3.00	31.00
Caswell						
Catherine Lake						
Castle Haynes	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	8.00
Cedar Grove						
Dobson's Chapel	5.00	5.00	...	10.00	2.50	22.50
Ebenezer	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	....	5.00
Emma's Chapel	.....	....	..	7.50	....	7.50
Hallsville	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00
Haw Bluff	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	....	4 00
Island Creek	8.00	10.00	12.00	5.00	....	35.00
Ivanhoe	5.00	2.00	....	5.00	1.00	13.00
Johnson's	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	26.00
Jacksonville	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	1.00	4.00
Kenansville	10.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	25.00
Kerr's						
Long Creek	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Lisbon	5.00	5.00	....	10.00	2.00	22.00
Maple Hill	2.00	....	3.00	....	2.00	7.00
Mary's Chapel						
Masonboro	....	....	....	10.00	..	10.00
Moore's Creek						
Mt. Gilead	.....	2.00	1.00	3.00	....	6.00
Mt. Olive	7.00	6.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	29.00
Mt. Holly	.....	....	....	4.00	....	4.00
Magnolia	3.00	3.00	3.00	90	1 00	10.90
New Hope	....	2.50	....	5.00	2.00	9 50
Olive Branch						
Olivet	.....	....	....	2.00	50	2.50
Piney Grove	5.00	2.00	....	5.00	2.00	14.00
Poplar Grove	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	6.50
Providence	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	1.00	4 00
Rose Hill	.....	....	....	2.00	....	2.00
Riley's Creek	.....	5.00		5.00	5.00	15.00
Sharon						
Siloam	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	9.00
Shiloh	.....	....	....	5.00	....	5.00
Spring Vale	3.00	2.00	3 00	2.00	1.00	11 00
Southside	10.00	5.00	15.00	...	2.50	32.50
Salem	5.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	19.00
Teachey's	2.00	....	...	4.00	....	6.00
Warsaw	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	35.00
Well's Chapel	2.00	2.00	....	4.00	2.00	10.00
Wilmington						
Willard	.....	1.00	....	2.00	2.00	5.00
Total	168.50	115.50	30.00	215.90	61.50	651.40

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Association Missions.	Ministers' Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Jacksonville Debt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Total.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.
Barlow's Chapel	21.70		3.00	5.00		4.00	4.00	5.00				50	150.00		23.00	216.20		1,000.00
Bethel	8.29	10.62	5.00	1.49	13.35	66	1.45	1.20			2.90	75	60 00			105.71		400.00
Beulah	84			6.00				2.22				1.13				10.19		300.00
Boykin's Chapel				4.99			2.00					75				7.74		300.00
Berea	1.00	1.50		1.00		1.64		2.27				50	75.00		15.00	97.91		250.00
Bowden's					4.00							40				4.40		
Bear Marsh	4.00		3.00		4.00		2.50	1.84				1.50				16.84		
Bethlehem	1.04	20.75	1.00	5.00	1.00			1.29			8.19	1 25	72.00			111.52		800.00
Bear Branch			3.00					72					18.00			21.72		
Burgaw	3.15	31.13			10.00		1.96	1.98				50	100.00			148.72		400.00
Brooklyn		84.96	3.30	15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	43.10			27.25	2.00	700 00		189.28	1089.89		
Clinton		5.95	3.44	7.50			5.00	7.44			31.46	2.18	260.00	25.00	106.00	453.97	100.00	500.00
Concord	40	6.25	1.00	1.90	3.10		2.00	1.76				75	100.00			117.16		600.00
Corinth	9.44		4.00	4.31	1.71	1.00	1.00	4.00			25.83	1.00	100.00			152.39		750.00
Colvin's Creek																		
Caintuck Chapel	13.12	4.50	2.00		5.00	2.00	3.00	5.00				1.40	125.00			161.02		150.00
Caswell	3.75	3.00	1.00	6.02	1.00		1.03	7.50				50	100.00		2.25	126.05		1,000.00
Catherina Lake				25								25	25.00			25.25		1,000.00
Castle Haynes	1.00		1.00									50	30.00			32.50		1,000.00
Cedar Grove																		
Dobson's Chapel	10.00		5.00	10.00	3.51	1.70		3.41				67	90.00			124 29		400.00
Ebenezer	2.50		1.00	1.40								30	50.00			55.20		
Emma's Chapel			1.16									50	50.00			51.66		600.00
Hallsville	3.48			1.68	2.00		3.00	2.00				1.00	60.00			73.16		400.00
Haw Bluff	6.69		1.50	5.14	2.31	1.00	13.35	3.35			2.78	1.00	60.00		1.46	98.58		450.00
Island Creek	12.21		6.50	6.31	7.10	2.79		5.00	5.00			1.60	110.00			146.51		400.00

Ivanhoe	1.55			2·00				3.73				50	60.00	170.00		226.78		500.00
Johnson's	18.00	9.95	6.36	1.77	13.10	2.50	1.00	18.75	3.50			1.50	125.00		25.00	226.43		1,000.00
Jacksonville	90		90	90		90		90				50	75.00		78.47	158 47	280.00	1,500.00
Kenansville	7.18	2.50			11.00		4.00	2.50	5.00				125.00	200.00	15.00	372.18		1,000.00
Kerr's																		
Long Creek		10.40	2.04	4.22		96	1.37	1.23				50	75.00			95.32		275.00
Lisbon	7.40	13.34	4.00		16.00	1.07	2.00	4.96				75	125.00			174.52		600.00
Maple Hill	1.75		3.00				2.00					25				7.00		
Mary's Chapel	3.50			3.50								45				7.45		
Masonboro		10.00		11.65		2.00	1.00	3.05			10.00	1.00	100.00		25.00	163.70		600.00
Moore's Creek	50		55	50								50	60.00		10.00	62.05		
Mt. Gilead		60.00	74	1.64				2.18							52.26	120.82		1,200.00
Mt. Olive	26.52		7.65		8.62	2.00	2.00	2.50				1.50				50.79		800.00
Mt. Holly		8.00	1.31	1.47								75	60.00			71.53	25.00	900.00
Magnolia	8.06		5.00	1.21	5.00						7.00	1.50	100.00			127.77		800.00
New Hope	1.56	1.56	1.75	2.06		2.49	1.73	4.82				1.00	100.00			116.97		800.00
Olive Branch																		
Olivet		2.26		1.41		30		1.00			1.00	50	40.00	10.00	3.67	60.14		400.00
Piney Grove					4.86			87				1.00	75.00			81.73		
Poplar Grove	1.63	20.00	90	1.00	2.00							1.00	75.00		5.00	106.53		300.00
Providence	1.15		75		5.00	1.00	1.00					50	75.00			84.40		300.00
Rose Hill	25		25		25			25					22.58			23.58		
Riley's Creek	45	4.55		4.02		1.88	2.14	3.16		1.50		1.75	100.00		6.23	125.68		400.00
Sharon				2.35								50	60.00			62.85		400.00
Siloam	1.82		2.31	2 00	2.00	1.80	2.00	1.90				80	100.00	60.00		174.63		1,000.00
Shiloh	3 11	15.00	2.14		2.80	2.55	12.02	90				52	100.00			139.04		200.00
Spring Vale	1.00		88	4.21	5.00		1.28	12.56				1.00	75.00			100.93		600.00
Southside	10.25	2.65	4.67	15.00		5.75	1.75	1.00			4.00	1.50	251.34	2.25	4.43	304.59		
Salem	5.00		2.00	5.88		2.00	1.15	3.50			3.04	50	79.15		1.55	703.77	6.06	300.00
Teachey's	2.00	6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	1.00		4.00				1.00	75.00	160.00		257.00	45.00	1,000.00
Warsaw	14.48		27.08	14.40		3.00	5.00	8.10				60	125.00		20.00	217.66		1,000.00
Wells' Chapel		401.56	2.88	6.31		3.85	1.92	8.91			27.39	1.00				453.82		600.00
Wilmington		37.10								80.44		2.00	1600.00	1035.00	704.00	3337.00		40,000.00
Willard				5.06			2.00	2.00				50				9.56		
	220.27	810.00	125.06	178.65	141.71	63.94	90.62	191.85	13.50	88.94		46.30						

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow's Chapel,	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	A. W. King, Sloop Point.....	
Bethel	.....	Maury Ward, Joford	4th Sunday.
Beulah	C. G. Wells, Warsaw....	C. I. Thomson, Turkey.....	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel.	J. J. Douglass. Clinton.....	L. M. Boykin, Clinton..	4th Sunday.
Berea	J. W. Nobles, Willard.....	Joseph Brooks, Wallace.....	3d Sunday.
Bowden's..	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.	W. S. Loftin, Bowden's.....	
Bear Branch....	N. A. Shelly, Point Caswell...	W. R. Brinson, Currie.....	3d Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.....	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive....	8d Sunday.
Bethlehem.....	N. A. Shelly, Point Caswell...	W. C. Keith, Keith.....	3d Sunday.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Hocut, Ashton.....	2d Sunday.
Brooklyn.....	J. W. Kramer, Wilmington...	W. J. T. Keen, Wilmington	Every Sunday.
Clinton.....	J. J. Douglass, Clinton.....	C. S. Boyette, Clinton	1st and 3d Sunday.
Concord.....	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells.....	1st Sunday.
Corinth	A. J. Taylor, Chinquepin.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.....	3d Sunday.
Colvin's Creek...			
Caintuck Chapel,	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington....	D. J. Corbett, Sr., Natmore	2d Sunday.
Caswell	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie.....	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake..	G. V. Tilley, Richlands.	John Marshburn, Catherine Lake,..	3d Sunday.
Castle Haynes...	W. J. Tart, Wilmington.....	Mrs. Cora Fonville, Castle Haynes,	4th Sunday.
Cedar Grove.....			
Dobson's Chapel,	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville.....	3d Sunday.
Ebenezer.....	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg.....	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel..	G. V. Tilley, Richlands.....	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	1st Sunday.
Hallsville	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.....	Jno. D. Brown, Cavenaugh	4th Sunday.
Haw Bluff.	.....	N. R. Croom, Colly.....	2d Sunday.
Island Creek.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill.....	
Ivanhoe.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington....	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe.....	1st Sunday.
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....	1st Sunday.

Jacksonville....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington ..	R. T. Burton, Tar Landing.....	3d Sunday
Kenansville.....	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	Jno. A. Gavin, Kenansville	2d Sunday.
Kerr's.....			
Long Creek	J. W. Nobles, Willard.....	J. S. DeVane, Daughton.....	1st Sunday.
Lisbon.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington....	W. B. Lamb, Ingold.....	1st Sunday.
Maple Hill	Benj. Ward, Marines	J. R. Marshburn, Catherine Lake...	3d Sunday.
Mary's Chapel...	R. W. Grizzard, Wallace	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville....	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	W. S. Ballard, Southport.....	Add. Hewlett, Wilmington...	Twice each first Sunday.
Moore's Creek...	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store...	F. B. Orr, Currie.....	1st Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	B. Matthew, Taylor's Bridge.....	3d Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive..... .	4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly	M. C. Walton, Burgaw.....	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington..	2d Sunday.
Magnolia.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.....	4th Sunday.
New Hope.....	C. G. Wells, Warsaw.....	J. T. Kennedy, Clinton.....	2d Sunday.
Olive Branch....			
Olivet.....	N. A. Shelly, Point Caswell...	J. A. Hines, Rocky Point..... ...	1st Sunday.
Piney Grove....	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.....	S. H. Hare, Keener.....	2d Sunday.
Poplar Grove ...	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	W. D. Stevens, Faison.....	3d Sunday.
Providence.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington...	J. M. Bishop, Holly Ridge.....	2d Sunday.
Rose Hill.....	G. V. Tilley, Richlands.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.....	4th Sunday.
Riley's Creek....	M. C. Walton, Burgaw.....	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point	3d Sunday.
Sharon.....	.....	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh.....	2d Sunday.
Siloam	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	N. T. Highsmith, Harrell's Store...	3d Sunday.
Shiloh.....	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek.....	3d Sunday.
Spring Vale.....	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.....	A. T. Robinson, Ingold.....	1st Sunday.
Southside	F. H. Farrington, Wilmington,	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington.....	Twice each Sunday.
Salem.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington....	D. D. Walker, Sneed's Ferry.....	5d Sunday.
Teachey's.....	R. W. Grizzard, Wallace.....	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's	Two Sundays in a month.
Warsaw.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	M. E. Gavin, Warsaw.....	2d Sunday.
Well's Chapel...	J. W. Nobles, Willard	J. L. Highsmith, Harrell's Store...	2d Sunday.
Wilmington.....	W. B. Oliver, Wilmington....	F. L. Huggins, Wilmington.....	Twice every Sunday.
Willard.....	J. W. Nobles, Willard.....	W. F. Bowen, Willard.....	4th Sunday.

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Male.	Female	Total.		
Barlow's Chapel	...	....	....	3	....	....	4	55	95		
Bethel	13	2	1	1	2	4	56	83	139	W. N. Johnson.	
Beulah	....	3	1	12	1	2	49	68	117	J. L. Britt.	
Boyk[illegible] hapel	....	....	1	7	....	3	48	76	124		
Berea	13	4	1	..	2	2	38	42	80		
Bowden's											
Bear Marsh	14	5	....	...	1	1	36	87	123		
Bethlehem	6	1	1	10	2	3	71	93	164		
Bear Branch	4	1	...	4	....	...	31	20	51		
Burgaw	....	3	...	6	1	3	35	37	72	.....	J. D. Hocut.
Brooklyn	17	20	4	17	2	6	143	187	330		
Clinton	21	13	11	5	4	14	92	123	215	J. L. Stewart, O. P. Meeks.	
Concord	1	....	....	....	1	2	29	35	64		
Corinth	14	....	1	1	1	....	72	85	157	A. J. Taylor.	
Colvin's Creek											
Caintuck Chapel	3	4	....	1	3	....	68	81	149		
Caswell	....	3	....	4	1	8	32	57	89	J. D. Larkins.	
Catherine Lake	....	1	....	....	...	3	5	11	16		
Castle Haynes	....	....	....	....	....	...	8	10	18		
Cedar Grove											
Dobson's Chapel,	5	....	....	5	1	2	45	53	98		
Ebenezer	....	....	....	....	....	2	29	22	51		
Emma's Chapel	....	....	....	7	3	1	23	36	59		
Hallsville	3	1	....	..	1	4	37	81	118	.....	D. W. Burton.
Haw Bluff	7	7	....	2	1	4	63	80	140		
Island Creek	4	3	2	....	3	1	83	122	205		

Ivanhoe		1				2	18	19	47		
Johnson's	1	2		1	1		61	71	132	W. L. Bilbro.	
Jacksonville	7	3	1	3		8	26	32	58		
Kenansville		3				6	26	45	71		
Kerr's											
Long Creek	5	4	2	19	1	10	55	66	121		
Lisbon	8	1		4			55	52	107		
Maple Hill	9						16	21	37		
Mary's Chapel	6	2		1	3	2	22	42	64	J. H. Dobson.	
Masonboro			2		2	7	44	69	113		R. H. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek		12			1		21	23	44		
Mt Gilead	27	2	4	18	5		67	102	179		
Mt. Olive	6					2	60	90	150		
Mt. Holly	4	7		5	1	4	41	82	123		
Magnolia	3	1	2			9	38	107	145		
New Hope	20				2	2	83	118	201		
Olive Branch											
Olivet	2			2		1	22	30	52	N. A. Shelly.	
Piney Grove	3	8		3		2	51	86	137		
Poplar Grove		1		1		8	45	54	99		
Providence	3	2		2			19	38	57		
Rose Hill						1	4	10	14		
Riley's Creek	14	1	1	2		3					
Sharon				1		2	28	46	74		
Siloam	1			2	2		64	70	134		
Shiloh	14	1				4	80	61	141		
Spring Vale	2			3	1	1	41	59	100		
Southside	6	18	1	3		5	45	67	112	F. H. Farrington, J. B. Harrell.	
Salem		1		2	2	3	36	44	80	Benjamin Ward.	
Teachey's	10	3	3	3		4	59	63	122		L. B. Boney, F. Savage.
Warsaw	8	3	1		1	2	76	114	190	L. R. Carroll, C. G. Wells.	
Wells' Chapel	3	3	1		5	1	103	132	235		
Wilmington	4	20		4	2	13			382	W. B. Oliver, S. D. Swaim.	J. R. Marshall A. T. King.
Willard	4	3		6		1	49	50	99		
	295	173	31	170	60	168	2262	2807	5069		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Schools.	ENROLLMENT. No. Teachers and Officers.	No. Pupils.	Average Attendance	No. Months Open.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Expenses.
Barlow's Chapel	Jas. Andrews, Sloop Point	1	8	45	35	12			
Bethel	W. L. Moore, Harrell's Store	1	5	35					
Beulah	J. L. Britt	1	3	25		4			
Boykin's Chapel	Tate Tew	1				12			10.00
Berea		1	5	30		4			
Bowden's	G. A. Stokes, Bowden's	1	3		20	12			3.26
Bear Marsh	D. W. Brown, Mt. Olive	1	4	30					
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith								
Bear Branch	J. H. Foyles, Currie								
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	1	5	30		12			6.00
Brooklyn	Jno. H. McDougall	1	27	235	188	12			196.65
Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton	1	12	110		12			15.00
Concord									
Corinth	D. W. Fussell.								
Colvin's Creek									
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett, Sr., Natmore					12			9 00
Caswell	W. D. Malpass, Point Caswell	1	6	40		12			5.41
Catherine Lake	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake	1	7	32		12			6.00
Castle Haynes									
Cedar Grove									
Dobson Chapel	W. H. Murray	1	4	32		12		2.22	2.94
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	1	4	23					1.20
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	1	4	75		12			10.00
Hallsville	O. W. Scott, Hallsville	1	3	30		12			
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder	1	7	105		12			
Island Creek									

Ivanhoe	J. F. Lewis, Ivanhoe	1	5	36		12			3.50
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	1	7	35		12			25.50
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey, Jacksonville	1	7	45		12			21 91
Kenansville	Jno. A. Gavin, Kenansville	1	3	28		12			
Kerr's									
Long Creek	J. P. Herring	1	9	50		12			
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run	1	8	50		12		2.81	10.00
Maple Hill									
Mary's Chapel									
Masonboro	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington	1	1	9					15.00
Moore's Creek	W. L. Nundlee, Currie	4	10	91	55	12			
Mt. Gilead	E. L. Croom, Taylor's Bridge	2	4	26		12			
Mt. Olive									
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll	1	4	25		9			
Magnolia	C. W. Hollingsworth, Magnolia	1	7	40		12			
New Hope	C. E. Daniel	1	4	81					
Olive Branch									
Olivet	A. S. Lanier, Rocky Point	1	5	31		12			1.75
Piney Grove	J. C. Howard	1	7	36		12			
Poplar Grove	J. H. Darden	1	6	40		10			2.50
Providence									
Rose Hill	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	1	5	31		12			28.55
Riley's Creek	S. W. Bayner					12			
Sharon									
Siloam	H. J. Ward	1	3	57	45	12			8.70
Shiloh	H. A. Bland	2	4	40		12			
Spring Vale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	5	68		9			2.50
Southside	J. S. Canady, Wilmington	1	11	80		12			32.61
Salem	E. Z. Milton, Sneeds Ferry	1	4	25		12			14.33
Teachey's	A. F. Bland	1	2	15					3.00
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	9	75				26.41	16.40
Wells Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store						37.80	35.50	70.00
Wilmington	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington	1	24	225		12		34.00	
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard	1	3	45	30	12			
		47	264	2,181			37.80	65.94	527.71

JACKSONVILLE CHURCH DEBT.

CHURCHES.	APPORTIONMENT.	AMOUNT PAID.	AM'T DUE.
Barlow's Chapel,	10.00	10.00	
Bethel	7.50	7.50	
Beulah	5.00	.....	5.00
Boykin's Chapel.	5.00	.....	5.00
Berea	2.50	.....	2.50
Bowden's	1.00	1.00	
Bear Marsh	5.00	5.00	
Bethlehem	10.00	.....	10.00
Bear Branch	2.50	.....	2.50
Burgaw	10.00	10.00	
Brooklyn	25.00	13.00	12.00
Clinton	15.00	4.50	10.50
Concord	5.00	2.10	2.90
Corinth	7.50	6.63	87
Colvin's Creek	1.00	.....	1.00
Caintuck Chapel,	10.00	10.00	
Caswell	5.00	5.00	
Catherine Lake	1.00	.....	1.00
Castle Haynes	1.00	.....	1.00
Cedar Grove	5.00	5.00	
Dobson's Chapel,	10.00	.....	10.00
Ebenezer	1.00	.....	1.00
Emma's Chapel.	1.00	.....	1.00
Hallsville	3.00	.....	3.00
Haw Bluff	3.00	3.00	
Island Creek	10.00	5.00	5.00
Ivanhoe	1 00	.....	1.00
Johnson's	15.00	8.50	6.50
Jacksonville	100.00	....	100.00
Kenansville	10.00	6 80	3.20
Kerr's	1.00	1.00	
Long Creek	2 00	2.00	
Lisbon	15.00	15.00	
Maple Hill	1.00	.....	1.00
Mary's Chapel	2.00	.....	2.00
Masonboro	15.00	.....	15.00
Moore's Creek	1.00	.....	1.00
Mt. Gilead	7.50	.....	7.50
Mt. Olive	15.00	.....	15.00
Mt. Holly	3.00	3.00	
Magnolia	5.00	5.00	
New Hope	10.00	10.00	
Olive Branch	2.00	.....	2.00
Olivet	1.00	.....	1.00
Piney Grove	5.00	5.00	
Poplar Grove	5.00	.....	5.00
Providence	5.00	5.00	
Rose Hill.	1.00	.....	1.00
Riley's Creek	10.00	10.00	
Sharon	1.00	.....	1.00
Siloam	10.00	3.50	6.50
Shiloh	10.00	4.49	5.51
Spring Vale	5.00	.....	5.00
Southside	5.00	.....	5.00
Salem	10.00	10.00	
Teachey's	5.00	5.00	
Warsaw	15.00	15.00	
Well's Chapel	15.00	.....	15.00
Wilmington	40.00	.....	40.00
Willard	2.50	2.50	

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FOR NEXT SESSION:

Place of Meeting: Mt. Holly, Pender County.
Time: Tuesday, after 1st Sunday in Oct., 1899.
Introductory Sermon: R. C. Sandlin.
Missionary Sermon: C. S. Blackwell.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

Rev. J. L. STEWART, Clinton, N. C.

CLERK.

A. R. HERRING, Taylor's Bridge, N. C.

TREASURER.

ISAIAH CARROLL, South Washington, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

S. M. CARLTON, WM. H. MURRAY, D. L. GORE,
D. L. HERRING, L. MIDDLETON.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

O. P. MIDDLETON,	S. M. CARLTON,	O. P. MEEKS,
J. L. STEWART,	C. E. DANIEL,	W. C. CARLTON,
ISAAC BROWN,	W. B. OLIVER,	S. A. STRICKLAND.

MINISTERS.

J. T. ALBRITTON.	C. F. HOPPER.	N. A. SHELLY.
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JOSEPH ADEN.	R. C. SANDLIN.	L. R. CARROLL.
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W. A. MELVIN.	A. J. TAYLOR.	J. L. BRITT.
W. L. TART.	J. H. HILDRETH.	BENJ. WARD.
R. W. GRIZZARD.	F. H. FARRINGTON.	N. B. COBB.
S. W. LARKINS.		

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel Order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

ART. 14.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian symphathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1--On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman pro tem shall be elected.

2--Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5--Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7--All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion.

8--No motion shall be withdrawn after dicussion.

9--When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association, by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

EASTERN ASSOCIATION,

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

HARRELL'S STORE, October 4, 1898.

The Eastern Association met in its fifty-fifth annual session in the meeting-house of the Siloam Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. L. Stewart; F. H. Farrington, the appointee, being absent. Text: Mark 16:17, 18. After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association was called to order by J. L. Stewart, the Moderator of previous session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by F. H. Farrington.

On motion the Letters to this session were ordered to be read. Reading Clerks: F. A. Fennell, S. G. Hall.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises. Committee: Pastor and Deacons of this church, with C. E. Daniel and W. S. Johnson added.

Moderator appointed Finance Committee consisting of B. F. Keith, W. J. Fryar, S. H. Strickland.

Announcement: Preaching at the stand at 2:30 p. m., by Benj. Ward.

Churches called and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Barlow's Chapel—By Letter.
Bethel—M. H. Oates, W. J. Page, J. B. Williams.
Beulah—W. H. Odom.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, James Pope.
Berea—D. H. Murray, M. T. Wells, J. B. Wells.
Bowden's—Geo. D. Murray.
Bear Marsh—W. H. Brown, R. J. Walker, H. R. Brock.
Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, Daniel Pridgen, W. N. Anderson.
Bear Branch—F. J. Moore, J. F. Wilson, W. H. Fife.
Burgaw—T. J. Vann, J. W. Bowen, K. D. Corbett.
Brooklyn—D. L. Gore.
Clinton—R. S Peterson.
Concord—D. B. Wells, J. C. Boone, W. D. Wilkins.
Corinth—J. G. Boone, B. F. Fussell, S. E. Johnson.
Colvin's Creek—By Letter.
Caintuck Chapel—By Letter.
Caswell—John Moore, J. S. Pope, W. K. Pope.
Catherine Lake—R. Batts, W. M. Bishop, John Marshburn.
Castle Haynes—
Cedar Grove—

Dobson's Chapel—W. B. Haws, W. H. Murray.
Ebenezer—J. D. Highsmith, J. A. Tatum.
Emma's Chapel—Joseph Aden, A. H. Huffman, A. J. Scott.
Hallsville—J. D. Brown, David J. Farrior.
Haw Bluff—N. R. Croom, J. B. Porter, Edward Colvin.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, E. W. Bradshaw, J. A. Teachey.
Ivanhoe—J. F. Lewis, C. C. Corbett.
Johnson's—J. A. Boyette, J. A. Powell, W. H. Middleton.
Jacksonville—W. P. Kelly.
Kenansville—W. L. Grimes, B. C. Barden.
Kerrs—F. F. Newton, Harry DeVane, W. T. DeVane, Jr.
Long Creek—J. H. Brinson, L. D. Cherry.
Lisbon—W. S. Johnson, D. L. Herring, Guss Bronson.
Maple Hill—W. T. Powers, J. R. Marshburn, T. B. Fisher.
Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland, P. S. Best, A. D. McGowen.
Masonboro—By Letter.
Moores Creek—D. J. Johnson, J. H. Highsmith, Eli Larkins.
Mt. Gilead—E. Williamson, I. W. Powell, B. Matthews.
Mt. Olive—Matthew Summerlin, Jas. Albritton.
Mt. Holly—C. Harrell, Isaiah Carroll.
Magnolia—Jethro Johnson, Jno W. Swinton, T. J. Ezzell.
New Hope—F. M. Carroll, C. E. Daniel, W. J. Herring.
Olive Branch—
Olivet—E. D. Walker, N. A. Shelly.
Piney Grove—R. C. Sanderlin, G. W. Highsmith, E. L. King.
Poplar Grove—L. D Rogers, W. A. Harriss, G. W. Hatcher.
Providence—J. H. Hildreth.
Rose Hill—D. M. Page.
Rileys Creek—H. R. Caison.
Sharon—Z. Blanchard, J. F. Wallace, R. W. Sloan.
Siloam—J. B. Highsmith, A. L. Jones, W. A. Melvin, Jr.
Shiloh—D. J. Sikens, A. H. Costen, A. T. Herring.
Springvale—A. M. Blackburn, D. F. Register, M. R. Matthis.
Southside—F. H. Farrington, R. B. Moore.
Salem—B. Ward, J. Midgit
Teachey's—Z. J. Carter, A. F. Bland, Jno. Savage.
Warsaw—S. M. Carlton, S. H. Strickland, S. G. Owen.
Well's Chapel—D. F. Colwell, L. R. Highsmith, S. T. Peterson.
Wilmington—S. G. Hall, Owen Fennell, B. F. Keith.
Willard—D. F. English, J. W. New, W. F. Bowen.

Letters from Mt. Gilead and Mt. Holly on motion were laid on the table.

The election of officers: J. L. Stewart elected Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

W. H. Middleton tendered his resignation to take effect upon the adoption of his report. The resignation was accepted.

On motion the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for Isaiah Carroll, for Treasurer.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report: Devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9 a. m., by S. M. Carlton. Preaching at the stand at 10 a. m., by J. D. Larkins. Preaching at the stand at 2:30 p. m., by J. M. Alderman.

Petitionary Letters called for: Letter from Antioch church was read asking for admission into the Association. On motion of R. C. Sanderlin a Committee of Investigation was appointed to whom the letter was referred. Committee: L. R. Carroll, R. C. Sanderlin, F. H. Farrington.

The following Committees were announced:

State Missions—F. H. Farrington, M. H. Oates, D. J. Farrior.
Foreign Missions—R. H. Gilbert, D. L. Gore, Isaiah Carroll.
Home Missions—J. W. Nobles, J. A. Powell, C. E Daniel.
Education—O. P Meeks, J. M. Alderman, W. L. Grimes.
Periodicals—R. C. Sandlin, J. D. Newton C. C. Corbett.
Sunday Schools—J. H. Hildreth, B. S. Peterson, J. F. Lewis.
Ministers' Relief—S. M. Carlton, F. M. Southerland, E. Heldt.
Orphanage—N. A. Shelly, B. Matthews, L. D. Cherry.

The courtesies of this body were extended by Moderator to visiting brethren. The following visitors were welcomed: J. C. Caddell, for "Biblical Recorder." A. Johnson, for Orphanage and "Charity and Children." B. S. Peterson represents "N. C. Baptist." J. M. Alderman Atlantic Association. J. D. Newton, Liberty Association.

After prayer by O. P. Meeks, Association adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Oct 5, 1898.

The Association met at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by S. M. Carlton.

Roll of delegates called, and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren requested to report.

Special order: The Report of Executive Committee together with report on State Missions. W. L. Bilbro presented and read the report of Executive Committee.

REPORT.

Your Committee began the present year under discouragements. Only $215.00 was pledged at our last Association, for Associational Missions. In addition to this amount, we secured a pledge of $100.00 from the Northern Union for Antioch mission in connection with the Onslow field. We employed bro. Joseph Aden to preach at Emma's Chapel, Catherine Lake. Tar Landing, Hallsville, Sharon, and Prospect. We have aided bro. Benj. Ward at Maple Hill and Olivet. We have also rendered assistance to bro. J. H. Hildreth at Providence and Turkey Creek. They have made favorable and encouraging reports from their respective fields.

The unpaid ballance on the Jacksonville church debt has been a source of worry, and your Committee have urged the churches to send money to this Association sufficient to pay this claim. But only $8.75 has been received at this meeting, so far, to adjust this debt, which amounts to $279.25. Our Association assumed this debt four years ago, and still it is not half paid. Your Committee have promised to urge the payment of this debt at this Association, and we hope that you will favorably consider it.

Under existing circumstances, your Committee think it advisable to turn the mission work of the Association over to the State Board.

Submitted, W. L. BILBRO, for Committee.

F. H. Farrington read report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

North Carolina has been abundantly and singularly blessed in its work of State Missions. We know no other cause amid all the difficulties than the direct blessing of an All-wise Heavenly Father. For we notice in that in these last years, even the last decade, God has given us over

100 per cent increase in the number of those who believe the Lord Jesus to be the living Saviour

Our increase this year in laborers has been from 87 to 103 missionaries. Going all through the State with their message of mercy, preaching to more than 300 destitute places. Another marked increase in harvesters has been our voluntary mission workers; giving their time without remuneration to go to the most destitute portions to tell the story of Jesus. They number 83. So now instead of having 87 missionaries we may practically say that we have now 185; but it is singular to note that we are $13,000 behind what we had raised up to this time last year. Well it is to for the increase in laborers--for never before were there more lost souls in North Carolina. Over a million stand at our door hungering for the gospel. The faithful presentation of the Saviour's claims has met with open hearts everywhere and the harvest has been great. Many precious experiences in redeemed souls have come from all over our State to our Secretary. We have to state, but with some regret, that our brotherhood seems to be in a more indifferent condition toward the work than is becoming them or it. Brethren this should not be so. Let us, brethren go back to our churches and be not content until each of our members have an opportunity to contribute, and let us go in the strength of Him who has said "I will be with you," and success will be ours.

Your committee recommend bro. L. R. Carroll as the Associational member of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. FARRINGTON,
M. H. OATES.
DAVID FARRIOR.
Committee.

On motion of F. H. Farrington the two reports were made special order, the first business in the afternoon.

R. C. Sandlin presented Report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Realizing the fact that our people should be informed along denominational lines, and as we cannot be interested about what we know nothing, our zeal in the progress of our work will be measured by the extent of our information concerning it. We would urge all our people to take and read all good literature possible.

Your Committee would recommend the "Biblical Recorder," the "N. C. Baptist." "Charity and Children," and the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report was spoken to by J. C. Caddell and B. S. Peterson. A. Johnson said he would speak for "Charity and Children" in his remarks on report on Orphanage.

The Report on Orphanage was read by L. D. Cherry, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children, though a severe epidemic of measles has prevailed; only one child has died from the disease. One has died from heart disease, and one from dropsy. Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The central or school building has been completed at a cost of more than $5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purpose for which it was erected. By means of this building the Superintendent has been able to grade the school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And, too, the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms the rooms heretofore used for school-

rooms. The Trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the original plans of the building permitted. A home for the General Mannager—certainly an urgent need—is in process of erection. He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic disease raging. The Treasurer's report shows the sum of $800 has been contributed for this building, though $1200 were subscribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention. A new printing press and general outfit for "Charity and Children" have been secured at a cost of several hundred dollars. A marked improvement—the general make-up—the mechanical part—of the paper has been observed by all. It is carefully and ably edited, and is in all respects admirably filling its sphere. The Treasurer's report shows that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by $450. The Orphanage owns a farm of over 300 acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year are estimated to be worth $1282. The total expenses of making the crop were $649.45, leaving a net profit of $632.55. The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of $13,871.05—the largest of any year in the history of the Orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the debt on central building—a part, $1,000, was legacy from R. D. Flemming's estate—and $9,000 were used to clothe, feed, and teach 160 children—making the average cost per head $56. And your committee begs to assure this body that this sum, wisely used, has been found sufficient to maintain, in a very comfortable style, the orphan children under the care of this institution. The expenses of conducting the orphanage are small, because the salaries of the officers are small. Our efficient Superiutendent receives $900 a year, and a house and fuel, but no board. His efficient wife as General Lady Manager, receives $250 a year. The teachers receive $20 a month and board.

It is painful to close this report by recording the death of two of the Trustees during the past year: bro. Jno. Marcom, of Durham, N. C., and Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton, N. C., both devoted friends of the institution, giving their time and means freely for its advancement. Dr. Fleming was one of the largest contributors in the State.

The location of the Orphanage is ideal Just a mile from the village of Thomasville, on the Southern Railway, in a beautiful grove of native oak and hickory, will be found the home for the orphan children of our brothers and sisters who have been called away from earth.

The buildings, all well arranged, consist of five dormitories, a printing house and laundry, a central school building, an infirmary, and a home for the General Manager, now in process of erection, are estimated to be worth $25,000. Submitted,

L. G. CHERRY,
N. A. SHELLY,
B. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

Remarks by A. Johnson. On motion of R. C. Sandlin a cash collection was taken, amounting to $13.66. The report was then adopted.

On motion of R. H. Gilbert, Jno. E. White was requested to preach the missionary sermon, in the absence of J. J. Douglas. At 11 a. m. the Association suspended for the preaching of the missionary sermon. Text Rom. 1:16.

The report on Home Missions was presented by J. W. Nobles.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This Board has for its territory all the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention, the Indian Territory, and Cuba. The more we learn of our Home Mission work the more we are convinced that it is

God's work. It ought to have as prominent a place in our efforts as any department of Christian work. Considering our success in the past we ought to take courage for the present and future. Dear brethren, the people in the territory under our Home Board are brought to a knowledge of the saving truth of God, in proportion as we give them the gospel. We had last year 5,069 members in this Association, they gave to Home Missions $125.06. Dear brethren, the field demands our best efforts. Souls are dying daily and going down into hopeless despair. Let us redouble our efforts, unite our forces to give the Bread of Life to them that have it not. Brethren let us enlarge our work under the Home Board. Praying the Lord of the harvest to let His blessings rest upon all honest efforts made, and to guide us in the Ways of Truth.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. NOBLE,
For Committee.

On motion by O. P. Meeks the report on Home Missions was made special order to follow reports of Executive Committee and State Missions.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At the hour appointed the Moderator called the Association to order.

Special order, reports of Executive Committee, together with report on State Missions were taken up. Pending the adoption of the reports the Association was addressed by J. H. Hildreth and W. L. Bilbro.

By request of J. M. Alderman, J. W. Kramer will preach at 2:30 p.m. at the stand.

The Association was further addressed by Jno. E. White. After which the reports were adopted.

Proposition by Jno. E. White to pay the balance of the debt on the Jacksonville church by cash and pledges on 30 days. Under the $5.00 call brethren D. L. Gore, W H. Murray, B. F. Keith, W. P. Kelly, and J. L. Stewart—condition that the amount of debt be raised. On 30 days L. R. Carroll, F. H. Farrington, B. S. Peterson, C. E. Daniel, and J. C. Caddell, $2.50. Cash paid by Benj Ward 1.00, D. W. Fussell 1.00, M. H. Oates 25 cents. 30 days W. B. Hawes 1.00. On motion of J. H. Hildreth a committee of three was appointed to investigate the Jacksonville church debt and if possible to settle the same and report to the Association at its next session.

Members of committee—S. M. Carlton, L. R Carroll, J. A. Gavin.

Just here a cash collection was taken to pay balance of $12.00 due by Executive Committee to missionaries. Amount of collection $5.45.

Resolution by O. P. Meeks:

Resolved, That our Association will from this session do its missionary work under the direction of the State Board: sending all money therefore to the Treasurer of the State Board; all missionaries in our bounds to be commissioned and appointed by the State Board by and with the recommendation of the Executive Committee of this Association.

The resolution was adoptod.

Special order, report on Home Missions was taken up and adopted without discussion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF ANTIOCH CHURCH.

We the Committee to examine into the faith and orthodoxy of the Antioch church, after having consulted with the pastor, Joseph Aden, hereby recommend that said Antioch church be received into the membership of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
R. C. SANDLIN,
F. H. FARRINGTON.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee the Antioch church was received into this Association,

Final leave of absence granted W. D. Wilkins, delegate from Concord.

Report of Finance Committee, submitted by B. F. Keith:

FINANCE REPORT.

The Finance Committee finds and reports the following amounts for the various objects sent up with Letters:

Foreign Missions	77.72	Orphanage	61.01
Gospel Missions	6.00	Ministerial Education	41 67
Home Missions	55.65	Minute Fund	36.89
State Missions	61.90	Jacksonville Church	10.72
Associational Missions	186.74		
Ministerial Relief	30.90		569.20

B. F. KEITH.
W. J. FRYAR,
S. A. STRICKLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion by B. S. Peterson, Treasurer was ordered to pay to Executive Committee all money sent up for Associational Missions and Jacksonville church debt; and to J. E. White amounts for State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, and Ministers' Relief.

Motion by L. R. Carroll to raise a Committee to Nominate an Executive Committee, adopted. Committee—N. B. Cobb, L. R. Carroll, J. B. Harrell.

Final leave of absence was granted the delegates from Maple Hill and Bear Branch; also to F. M. Carroll, delegate from New Hope, amd J. H. Hildreth.

After prayer by J. B. Harrell the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6.

Association reassembled at 9:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. J. D. Larkins led in prayer.

Roll of delegates called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren requested to report themselves. W. B. Oliver being present was welcomed by Moderator.

Treasurer's report was submitted by S. M. Carlton:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. MIDDLETON, in account with the Eastern Association for 1897:

To amount received from Finance Committee	472.67
Collection for Orphanage	13.71
	486.36

Disbursed as follows:

State Missions	84.65
Home Missions	40 08
Foreign Missions	57.49
Minute Fund	46.21
Orphanage	83.46
Ministerial Education	47.88
Gospel Missions	16.90
Ministers' Relief	32.53
Jacksonville Church	8.50
Associational Missions	68.68
	486.28

Money on hand ..... 90 cents.

Turned over to Isaiah Carroll, 90 cents.

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

Report as read was adopted.

R. H. Gilbert submitted report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention is a missionary body. In this great gathering representatives from all the Southern States meet annually to talk about and plan for world-wide evangelization. At its organization more than fifty years ago, the Convention decided that the wisest and most practical plan for conducting the Foreign Mission work, was to elect a Board to which should be committed the general oversight of the work. The fact that this plan has remained unchanged for more than fifty years is the highest attestation to its efficiency. This Board is elected annually, and is required to submit a full and complete report to the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting. From the last report of the Board we gather the following

GRATIFYING AND ENCOURAGING FACTS.

The Board was able to go to the Convention without debt. Receipts of Board for year ending May 1, 1898, $124,249.69.

Baptisms on foreign fields last year, 701.

Missionaries under appointment of Board, 80, with quite a number of native assistants. Forty of these missionaries are in China, and the other 50 are at work in Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and Japan.

Of the 40 in China 8 are from North Carolina.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Of the $124,249.69 reported for Foreign Missions last year, $21,633.51 was raised by the women through their societies.

NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

1st. The prayers of the people, that they may be guided in their responsible work by an all-wise God, and that the missionaries under their appointment may have great success in saving souls.

2d. Enlarged contribution. "We must lengthen our cords." The call for reinforcements is coming from every foreign field. The expenses of our Board are remarkably small now, but they can be made smaller still by increasing our contributions. This same force could handle a million dollars almost as easily as they do a hundred thousand.

3d. Amounts collected for Foreign Missions should be promptly forwarded. Last year the Board paid over $2,000 interest on borrowed money. This amount would have supported four missionaries—two men and their wives.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PART.

We were asked to raise $9,000 last year. Dr. Willingham's report shows that we fell considerably behind that sum. We speak of the number of missionaries we have given as if that should exempt us from contributing any large amount to foreign missions. But brother, what did that cost you? There are vacant places in a few homes, aching voids in a few hearts, but the great majority of Baptists in North Carolina could not give the names of the missionaries that have gone from our State to foreign fields. It is gratifying to note, however, that there is an increase of interest among our people on the subject of Foreign Missions. Let us take for our motto for the ensuing year.

"A contribution for Foreign Missions from every member of every church in our Association."

R. H. GILBERT,
D. L. GORE,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
Committee.

Pending its adoption the Association was addressed by W. B. Oliver.

Just here J. B. Harrell read report of Woman's Missionary Societies, as follows:

To Eastern Association: It is with pleasure that the Woman's Central Committee of Missions for our State reports to you the ever growing work of the Woman's Missionary Societies. This work, begun a little more than eleven years ago, by order of the Baptist State Convention, has made steady and remarkable progress from the first. The annual gifts of the Societies have increased from $500.00 to more than $6,000.00, and the number of Societies contributing from 14 to nearly 400. In the 11 years of the Committee's work the Societies have reported to Home, Foreign, and State Missions the large sum of $37,771. In a number of the Associations, Associational Vice Presidents have given untiring effort to the organization and maintenance of Societies. In no Association however have as many Societies been organized as we would wish, and in none has our aim—a Woman's Missionary Society in every church and every woman a member of it—been realized. While greatfully acknowledging the assistance of many of our most influential ministers in the past, we would earnestly ask the aid of every minister and layman for the woman's missionary work of the future. The great blessings that God has seen fit to bestow upon our efforts is an assurance that this work is from Him. Rejoicing in the progress we have made, and again asking your sympathy and aid in the work we are endeavoring to do, I am,

Yours Very Sincerely. FANNIE E. S. HECK.

In the 60 churches in this Association only 13 Societies reported last year to the Woman's Central Committee, as follows:

First Church, Wilmington	7.92
Sunbeams, Mt. Olive	1.88
Mt. Olive	14.17
Young People, Magnolia	8.97
Bear Marsh	2.00
Sun Beams, Bear Marsh	1.00
Clinton	17.90
Sunbeams and B. Y. P. U., Clinton	2.50
Sunbeams, Warsaw	5.15
Sunbeams, Clinton	3.81
Warsaw	10.35
Bethel	80
Sunbeams, Kenansville	4.00
Total	80.45

J. B. Harrell spoke on Woman's Work.

Report on Foreign Missions was further spoken to by N. B. Cobb and J. D. Larkins.

It was announced that Will B. Oliver will addres the ladies at the stand, on Woman's Work.

The report was then adopted.

Report on Education was submitted by O. P. Meeks, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of North Carolina are committed unreservedly to the cause of education. Believing as we do in individual liberty in all matters of conscience and religion, we naturally favor the best and broadest culture of the individual faculties. Inasmuch as the great majority of the children of the State are dependent upon the public schools for their education, we very earnestly favor the support of these schools by taxation. The appalling condition of illiteracy in our borders makes it doubly important that every honorable effort shall be tried to render our common school system more efficient. The present policy of our State towards higher education we consider unnecessary, unwise, and unjust, and reaffirm our unwavering belief in the wisdom and efficiency of the Voluntary Principle. And we most earnestly insist upon the duty of Baptists to patronize their own (Baptist) institutions.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

As the first school is the home and the mother the most important teacher, and as the influence of woman is a potent force, in advancing or retarding the progress of civilization and Christianity, it follows that her education is a matter of supreme importance. We rejoice in the steady and encouraging progress of the movement for the Woman's College in Raleigh. The building is being pushed to rapid completion, and will, in the near future, be ready to open its doors to our women. But there is still much to be done. A great enterprise needs a great deal of money. Our Woman's College needs the support of every Baptist in the State, especially should the members of the Asscciation accord a liberal support to this institution, located in their own borders.

The Oxford Seminary and Murfreesboro Institute are both excellent institutions under Baptist control and should receive a liberal patronage.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Wake Forest College belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina. Founded and fostered in their prayers and sacrifices, it has ever sought to do their will and serve their interests. It is preeminently a Christian College. It strives to give thorough culture, at moderate cost, in a distinctively Christian atmosphere. The Bible has been made an essential part of the College course, and is required of all applicants for degrees. The last session of the College was in some respects the most successful in all its history. The enrollment, 264, surpassed all previous records: the health of the students was excellent, and their general spirit one of order, industry, and decorum. The present session has opened well and the prospects for the future are good, but they can be realized only as the College has the support of the Baptists of the State. Will not every member of the Association recognize and emphasize his ownership in the College by giving in large measure his prayers, his patronage, and his sympathy.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Wise leadership is essential to the largest success. Wise leaders must be trained. In our work as a denomination our preachers are our leaders. In this age as never before they need training. To aid worthy and

indigent young ministers in getting this training, the State Convention established the Board of Education. The value of the work of this Board is attested by the lives and labors of its beneficiaries. In a careful and judicious way, it dispenses the contributions of the churches to needy young men who have been approved by their churches. Its aid is given as a loan. Last session about 30 young men were aided. There are other worthy applicants but they cannot be helped unless the churches increase their contributions. What say you, brethren? Will not the churches of the Association, blessed with the prospect of a bountiful harvest, promise to do more for training reapers for the Master's great harvest? Our opportunity is great and our duty urgent.

ENDOWED ACADEMIES.

We also wish to press upon our people the fundamental importance of endowed Baptist Academies, to prepare our boys and girls for our colleges. To this end we urge upon our Association the importance of rallying to the support and patronage of the Warsaw High School.

O. P. MEEKS,
J. M. ALDERMAN,
W. L. GRIMES,
Committee.

Remarks by O. P. Meeks. Motion by N. B. Cobb to amend by striking out the words, "The present policy of our State toward higher education, we consider unnecessary, unwise, and unjust." The amendment was discussed by O. P. Meeks, R. H. Gilbert. N. B. Cobb. The previous question was moved by S. M. Carlton and sustained. Upon division the vote stood 20 yeas, 42 nays. The report as read was then adopted.

The report of Committee to Nominate Executive Committee:

Your Committee to Nominate Executive Committee respectfully recommend S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murray, D. L. Gore, D. L. Herring, L. Middleton.

L. R. CARROLL,
N. B. COBB,
J. B. HARRELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your Committee beg leave to report our Board in excellent condition. About 30 were aided last year. If the churches will continue their contributions to this worthy object, there will be no cause for complaint. Rev. W. C. Frye, Durham, N. C., is Chairman of our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. CARLTON,
E. HELDT,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND.
Committee.

Report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday or Bible School stands next to the church, as a factor in shaping the moral, social, and religious destiny: we your Committee earnestly recommend that the churches and pastors of this Association keep zealous watch over their respective Sunday Schools, and not only report most intelligent, but most pious members as Superintendent and teachers. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HILDRETH,
J. F. LEWIS,
B. S. PETERSON.

Report adopted without discussion.

On motion of O. P. Meeks, the churches were called and pledges taken for State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Minister's Relief, and Orphanage. [See Table.]

On motion by R. C. Sandling, Moderator appointed delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Convention. All preachers in this Association were appointed delegates to Baptist State Convention; D. L. Gore delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

The Association elected J. L. Stewart as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, if we be allowed two.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

We the committee appointed to examine into the faith and orthodoxy of the Antioch church, after having consulted with the Pastor, Rev. Joseph Aden, hereby recommend that said Antioch church be received into the membership of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted.

L. R. CARROLL,
R. C. SANDERLIN,
F. H. FARRINGTON,
Committee.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, Antioch church was received into the membership of this Association.

On motion the Letters from Mt. Gilead and Mt. Holly were taken from the table.

On motion of J. D. Larkins the roll of churches and ministers was called to elect the place for holding our next session. Mt. Holly was elected as the place.

On motion the reports of the Woman's Missionary Societies were ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion of B. S. Peterson, the Moderator appointed R. C. Sanderlin to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Dr. C. S. Blackwell to preach the Missionary Sermon at our next session.

Motion by D. L. Gore that hereafter all the money collected for the several objects be sent to the Treasurer of the Association. Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, The Association hereby renders its grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the Siloam Baptist Church and of the good people of this community generally; also to the railroads if they aided us. Adopted by a unanimous vote.

The work of the Association having been accomplished, Dr. N. B. Cobb led in prayer; and the brethren engaged in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The Association adjourned to meet again in the Meeting House of the Mt. Holly Baptist Church, in Pender county, on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, 1899.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministeri'l Education	Minister's Relief.	Orphan'e.	TOTAL.
Antioch							
Barlow's Chapel	5.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	41.00
Bethel	2.00	2.50	7.00	3.00	1.00	.....	15.50
Beulah	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5 00	13.00
Boykin's Chapel.	.....	.....	3.00	1.00	.....	1.00	5.00
Berea							
Bowden's							
Bear Marsh	2.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	12.00
Bethlehem							
Bear Branch							
Burgaw	.....	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	4.00	7.00
Brooklyn	10.00	5.00	20 00	5.00	10.00	10.00	60.00
Clinton	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	37.00
Concord	2.00	.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	9.00
Corinth	10.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	35.00
Colvin's Creek							
Caintuck Chapel	3.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	39 00
Caswell	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
Catherine Lake	.....	1.00	2.50	.....		1.00	4.50
Castle Haynes							
Cedar Grove							
Dobson's Chapel.	6.00	6.00	13,50	2.50	2.50	2.50	33.00
Ebenezer	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	5.00
Emma's Chapel.	.....	1.00	3.00	.....	50	2.00	6.50
Hallsville	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6 00
Haw Bluff	1.00	6.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	10.00
Island Creek	10.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	50.00
Ivanhoe							
Johnson's	5.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	.....	27.00
Jacksonville	1.67	1 67	1 67	1.67	1.66	1.66	10.00
Kenansville	3.00	10.00	8.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	25.00
Kerrs'							
Long Creek	1.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	5.00
Lisbon	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2 00	5.00	29.00
Maple Hill	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	.....	1.00	7.00
Mary's Chapel	1.50	1.50	2.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Masonboro							
Moore's Creek	50	50	50	50	50	50	3.00
Mt. Gilead	2.00	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00
Mt. Olive	7.50	7.50	7.50	.....	2.50	5.00	30.00
Mt. Holly	2.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	15.00
Magnolia	2.00	2.00	2.00			2.00	8.00
New Hope	2.50	.....	5.00	2.50	2.50	10.00	22.50
Olive Branch							
Olivet	...	.....	2.00	50	50	1.00	4.00
Piney Grove	1 00	3.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	15 00
Poplar Grove	1.00	1.00	3.00	.....	1.00	2.00	8.00
Providence							
Rose Hill	.....	.....	50	.....		.....	50
Riley's Creek	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	11.00
Sharon							
Siloam	2.00	2.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	12.00
Shiloh	...	.....	5.00	.....	...	2.00	7.00
Springvale	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	10.00
Southside	10.00	10.00	30.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	75.00
Salem	3.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	23.00
Teachey's							
Warsaw	5.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	41.00
Wells Chapel	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	3.00	5.00	12.00
Wilmington							
Willard	1.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	7.00
	122.67	170.67	247.17	68.17	70.66	129.66	809.00

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ministers' Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Jacksonville Debt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Total	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.
Antioch					2.00							20				2.20		
Barlow's Chapel	20.00		5.00		5.00	1.69	3.00	5 25			9.60	1.10	100.00		60.00	210.64		1,600 00
Bethel	12.94	3.84	11.47	5.00	12.00	2.00	2.00	2.27				75	60.00		11.75	124.02		600.00
Beulah	2 00		1.00	2.00		1.00	1.50		2.00		8.15	50	75.00			93.15		
Boykin's Chapel			1.00	1.00	5.00		1.00					70	50.00		6.00	64.70		300.00
Berea		1.00		1.00				1.50				50		50.00		54 00		300.00
Bowden's			1.55		2.65							1.00				5 20		
Bear Marsh	4.00		2.00	1.22	3.00		2.00	1.24				80	75.00			89.26		
Bethlehem	3.75	5.15	3.00	2.50	3.35		25	3.50			3.60	1.25				36.25		
Bear Branch	1.19		3.10	1.77				42	3.00		1.00	35	40.00		3.75	54.53		125 00
Burgaw		5.00			10.00		3.10	4.86					100.00	472.08		595.04		600.00
Brooklyn					18.50					5.75	75.00	1.50	700.00		93.75	894.50		
Clinton	5.54			26.12	10.00						2.50	2.50	260.00	17.35	30.00	354.01	32.90	1,500.00
Concord	83	6.15	1.00	5.00	2.00		1.00	1.54			20.00	50	100 00	17.00		155.02		600.00
Corinth	12.67		5.46	5.00	4.00	2.50	2.50	3.21	87		45.00	1.00	150.00			232.21		750.00
Colyin's Creek	2.41		1.00					1.12			3.25	20	36.00		7.78	51.76	10.00	125.00
Caintuck Chapel	17.15	2.85	3.00		5.00	2.04	3.00	2.11				1.50	125.00			161.65		
Caswell	1.25		1.25		3.00	2.00		3 00		50		50	100.00			111.50		1 000 00
Catherine Lake	1.00				1 05							50	25.00			27.50		700.00
Castle Haynes																		
Cedar Grove																		
Dobson's Chapel	5.00		5.00		10.00	1.00	2.50	1.75	2.35			70	100.00			128.30		400.00
Ebenezer	1.00		1.00	1.00	2.03			25				50	48.00		6.60	60.38		200.00
Emma's Chapel	1.05			1.00	7.50							50	50.00	50.00	10.00	120.05		650.00
Hallsville	2.00		2.00	2.00	3.00			1.07	50			85				12.42		400 00
Haw Bluff	1.85		1.75	1.00	7.61	1.00		3.16				50	75.00		5.00	95.87	13.00	450 00

Island Creek	12.00	.....	13.68	13.44	15.00	5.00	.....	1.33	.....	..	15.00	1.50	100.00	.....	.....	176.95	.....	600.00
Ivanhoe	6.62	....	1.41	3 87	3.89	1.00	1.40	2.26	.....	....	.....	70	60.00	.....	41.50	123.25	.....	500.00
Johnson's	14.67	7.43	5 35	6.49	12 62	5 45	1.00	8.66	.....	....	.....	1.50	125.00	.....	25.00	213.17	.....	1,000.00
Jacksonville	1.60	.....	1.00	50	48	1.58	1.00	1.00	100.00	....	.....	52	58.10	....	48.67	214.45	.....	1,500.00
Kenansville	10.00	.....	3.00	5.00	5.00	.	2.00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	125.00	.....	12.00	162.00	.....	1,000.00
Kerr's.	3.50	.....	2.50	1.52	..	....	55	1.00	.....	....	2.68	10	50.00	.....	.....	61.85		
Long Creek.	.	9.00	82	.....	1.37	1.05	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.	75.00	... ..	....	87.59	.....	500.00
Lisbon..... ...	5.00	3.47	5.00	.....	15.00	1.42	2.00	4.08	.....	.....	.....	76	125.00	.....	....	161.73	.....	500.00
Maple Hill	2.00	. ....	.....	.....	3.00	.	2.00	.. ....	....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	.....	.....	37.00		
Mary's Chapel ..	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	2.00	....	1.00	. ..	1.00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00		
Masonboro.	.....	10.00	.....	3.00	6.56	2.90	.....	10.00	.....	1.00	....	1.00	100.00	.....	50.00	183 56	.....	500.00
Moore's Creek..	.....	. ...	1.00	65	.....	1.00	.....	1.22	.....	....	. ..	75	60.00	.....	1.21	65.83		
Mt. Gilead.	.....	23.00	6.00	1.96	.... ..	1.48	.....	2.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.00	....	....	159 55	..... .	800.00
Mt. Olive	2.50	. .	2.50	5.00	10.00	.....	....	.....	.... ..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00		
Mt. Holly	1.00	6 50	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	75	50.00	.....	....	61.40	.....	800.00
Magnolia	4.34	.....	4.33	2.81	90	.....	.....	2 40	.....	....	.....	1.50	100.00	.....	4.83	121.11	.....	800.00
New Hope	2.59	30.00	2 00	2.36	.....	2.10	2.38	10.38	.....	.... .	10.00	1.00	100.00	.....	....	162.81	.....	500.00
Olive Branch....																		
Olivet	....	.....	.. ..	.....	4.71	1.05	1.31	56	.....	....	.....	50	40.00	50.00	....	98.13	..... .	350.00
Piney Grove	4.00	.....	2.00	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	25	75.00	.....	....	92.25	.....	350.00
Poplar Grove....	2.61	.....	1.21	1.16	4.66	....	....	3.66	.. ..	....	....	.....	60.00	.....	12.00	85.30	.....	300.00
Providence	50	50	.....	.. ....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	..	50	.....	50	75.00	.....	10.00	91.00	.....	320.00
Rose Hill	.....	.....	. ....	.....	.	.....	.	.....	1.00	.	.....	25	26.25	.....	....	27.50		
Riley's Creek..	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.38	.....	5.00	.....	.. ....	.....	.....	95	100.00	.....	....	111.33	.....	600.00
Sharon.	1.00	.....	.. ...	.. ..	2.00	..	.....	.. ....	1.00	....	.....	62	.....	.....	....	4.62		
Siloam.....	2 00	.....	2.00	1.00	4.75	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	100.00	.....	5.00	120.75	.....	1,000.00
Shiloh.....	.....	14.35	1.37	54	8.19	3.06	... ..	2.47	1.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	....	130.98	.....	200.00
Spring Vale... ..	.....	.....	2.00	3.00	2.00	.	1.00	3.01	.....	...	.....	60	.....	.....	....	11.61	.....	600.00
Southside	10.00	.....	10.00	35.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	.....	13.15	57.00	2.00	260.00	155.00	96.36	660.51	391.50	891.50
Salem	7.00	.....	4.44	1.15	6.84	1.00	1.00	..	.....	.....	13.70	50	103.62	2.35	....	141.60	.....	300.00
Teachey's	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	70.	.	2.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	100.00	.....	....	112.70	.....	800.00
Warsaw	.....	.	7.60	..	10.00	.	5.00	1.00	.....	... ..	...	1.00	125.00	1.73	18.00	169.33		
Wells' Chapel...	1.24	384.33	1.56	5.60	1.27	1.56	2.00	3.61	.....	.....	.....	1.15	.....	.....	.....	402.32		
Wilmington	16.20	32.00	1.15	95.00	.. ....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	72.00	.....	2.00	1500.00	.....	.....	1718.35	1000.00	40,000.00
Willard	.....	.....	1.00	1.72	2.00	.	2.00	2.17	.....	.... .	.....	50	75.00	70.00	....	154.39	.....	757.00
Totals..... ..	208.00	557.57	134 50	250.38	257.16	49.68	59.49	123.02	113.72	93.90	266.48	41.65						

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch	Jos. Aden, Richlands		
Barlow's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington	A. W. King, Sloop Point	4th Sunday.
Bethel	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	M. Ward, Joford	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville	C. I. Thomson, Turkey	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel,	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	L. M. Boykin, Clinton	3d Sunday evening.
Berea	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	Jos. Brooks, Wallace	3d Saturday and Sunday.
Bowden's	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	W. S. Lofton, Bowden	2d Sunday evening.
Bear Branch	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	W. R. Brinson, Montague	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bear Marsh	R. C. Sandling, Clinton	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive	3d Saturday and Sunday.
Bethlehem	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store,	W. C. Keith, Keith	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. T. Hocut, Ashton	3d Sunday.
Brooklyn	J. W. Kramer, Wilmington	J. C. Gore, Wilmington	Twice every Sunday.
Clinton	J. J. Douglas, Clinton	J. A. Sykes, Clinton	1st and 3d Sundays.
Concord	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Corinth	A. J. Taylor, Chinquepin	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Colvin's Creek	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	R. C. Henry, Atkinson	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Caintuck Chapel.	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat More	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Caswell	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. L. Watson, Point Caswell	
Catherine Lake	Joseph Aden, Catherine Lake.	W. M. Bishop, Catherine Lake	4th Sunday.
Castle Haynes			
Cedar Grove			
Dobson's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Ebenezer	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	R. Highsmith Parkersburg	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	Joseph Aden, Catherine Lake	A. H. Huffman, Richlands	1st Sunday.
Hallsville	Joseph Aden, Catherine Lake	J. I. Brown, Cavenaugh	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Haw Bluff	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store	N. R. Croom, Colly	2d Sunday.
Island Creek	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Ivanhoe	F. T. Wooten, Huntley	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	L. Middleton, Warsaw	1st Sunday and Saturday before.

Jacksonville	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	3d Sunday.
Kenansville	J. D. Larkins, Keenansville	Jno. A. Gavin, Kenansville	4th Sunday.
Kerr's	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	Harvey DeVane, Kerr	2d Sunday.
Long Creek	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store	J. S. DeVane, Daughton	1st Sunday.
Lisbon	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington	W. B. Lamb, Ingold	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Maple Hill	Benj. Ward, Marines	J. R. Marshburn, Catherine Lake,	3d Sunday and night before.
Mary's Chapel	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville	4th Sunday.
Masonboro	W. S Ballard, Clarkton	Ad. Hewlett, Wilmington	Twice each 1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	F. B. Orr, Currie	3d Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Olive	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	4th Saturday and Sunday.
Mt. Holly	B. Ward, Marines	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington,	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Magnolia	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	Jno. K. Hamlin, Magnolia	4th Sunday.
New Hope	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville	G. W. Carroll, Six Runs	2d Sunday.
Olive Branch			
Olivet	B. Ward, Marines	E. K. Walker, Rocky Point	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Piney Grove	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	E L. King, Clinton	1st Sunday.
Poplar Grove	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	W. D. Stevens, Faison	3d Sunday and Saturday.
Providence	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. M. Bishop, Holly Ridge	2d Sunday.
Rose Hill	Jos. Aden, Richlands	D. M. Page, Tar Landing	4th Sunday.
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Sharon	Jos. Aden, Richlands	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh	2d Sunday.
Siloam	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store,	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Huntley	C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Spring Vale	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Southside	F. H. Farrington, Wilmington,	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Salem	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. E. Robinson, Snead's Ferry	3d Sunday.
Teachey's	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	M. W. Teachey, Wallace	2d Sunday.
Warsaw	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	H. G. Owen, Warsaw	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Wells' Chapel	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store	L. K. Taylor, Harrell's Store	2d Sunday.
Wilmington	C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington	F. L. Huggins, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Willard	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store	W. F. Bowen, Willard	4th Sunday and Saturday before.

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died,	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch											
Barlow's Chapel	5	1	3	2	1	1	42	55	97		
Bethel	2										
Beulah	19			2	1	2	59	73	132		
Boykin's Chapel			1		4	3	45	68	113		
Berea					2	3	39	41	80		
Bowden's					1		11	28	39		
Bear Marsh	2		1		3		42	85	127		
Bethlehem				12		3	59	87	146		
Bear Branch	4	1		2	1	1	29	20	49		
Burgaw		1	1	1	1	1	45	45	90		
Brooklyn											
Clinton		5		1		5	93	117	210	O. P. Meeks, J. L. Stewart.	
Concord		2	3		1	4	32	36	68		
Corinth	18	13	1	2	2	1	87	97	184	A. J. Taylor.	
Colvin's Creek	11	1		1		2	26	33	59		
Caintuck Chapel	6	6	1	3	1	4	73	81	154		
Caswell	4	3	1	6	1	8	31	54	85		
Catherine Lake	4	9	1	1	1		8	20	28		
Castle Haynes											
Cedar Grove											
Dobson's Chapel		1		1		1	46	55	101		
Ebenezer						1	29	22	51		
Emma's Chapel	1	5		1		1	26	38	58		
Hallsville	8	2			2	7	38	76	114		
Haw Bluff		2	1	37	1	6	46	63	109		
Island Creek	4	10	2	5	1	7	81	127	208		

Ivanhoe		1				4	17	17	34		
Johnson's	4	2			1	1	61	77	138	W. L. Bilbro.	
Jacksonville	12			4	2	2	26	24	50		
Kenansville		3			1		29	47	76		
Kerr's	3	2			1	3	18	24	42		
Long Creek		2	4	2	2	4	51	63	114		
Lisbon	2	3		1	3	3	53	49	102		
Maple Hill							14	19	33		
Mary's Chapel					2	4	24	41	65		
Masonboro	3	4		1	2	2	42	73	115		
Moore's Creek	4	10		1	1		24	31	55		
Mt. Gilead	2			1	3	2	63	105	168		
Mt. Olive	2	10				4	62	99	161		
Mt. Holly		7		8	1	5	39	67	106		R. J. Bateman.
Magnolia	4	3	1	2	3	3	38	107	147		
New Hope	2	5		8		1	73	113	186		W. B. Rivenbark.
Olive Branch											
Olivet		1	1			1	23	30	53	N. A. Shelly.	
Piney Grove	1	3	1	3	3		51	83	134	R. C. Sandlin.	
Poplar Grove		1		4		4	42	52	94		
Providence	5	5		1	1	1	21	38	59		
Rose Hill							4	10	14		
Riley's Creek		2		13	2	6	66	95	161		C. R. Taylor.
Sharon				1			26	44	70		
Siloam		6		3	5	3	62	67	129	R. H. Gilbert, W. A. Melvin.	
Shiloh	1	1	5	2	1	4	80	120	200		
Springvale	12			2	3	7	41	59	100		
Southside	9	21	6	13		3	49	82	131	F. H. Farrington, J. B. Harrell.	
Salem	3	2	2	2	3		36	40	76	Benj. Ward.	
Teachey's	2			4	1	11	51	54	105		F. Savage, L. B. Boney.
Warsaw	14	7			2	5	83	120	203		
Well's Chapel					1	2	102	130	232		
Wilmington	3	27	1	14	2	20	137	240	377		J. R. Marshall, A. T. King.
Willard		2		14		3	36	54	90		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Schools.	Enrollment.			No. Months Open.	Contributions.		
			No. Teachers and Officers.	No. Pupils.	Average Attendance.		Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Expenses.
Antioch									
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews, Sloop Point	1	5	46	35	12			15.00
Bethel									
Beulah									
Boykin's Chapel									
Berea	T. W. Stallings, Wallace	2	6	40	25	4			
Bowden's	G. A. Stokes, Bowden's	1	3	28	20	12	2.50		
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive	1	4	30	25	12			4.00
Bethlehem									
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, Montague	1	5	25	20	12			2.66
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	1	5	25	20	12			
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall, Wilmington	1	29	200	170	12	145.92		
Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton	1	11	100	60	12		6.50	21.00
Concord									
Corinth									
Colvin's Creek	D. M. Lewis	1	6	25		12			
Caintuck Chapel	R. D. Pridgen, Viola	1	7	81	40	12			6.12
Caswell	W. H. Pridgen, Pt. Caswell	1	7	45	34	12	5.65		
Catherine Lake	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake	1	10	45	35	12			7.50
Castle Haynes									
Cedar Grove									
Dobson's Chapel									
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	1	5	26	25	9		51	1.50
Emma's Chapel	T. A. Marshburn, Richlands	1	6	72	40	12			10.00
Hallsville	O. W. Scott, Hallsville	1	4	37	20	12			
Haw Bluff									

Island Creek	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1	5	25					
Ivanhoe	J. T. Lewis, Ivanhoe	1	4	25	15	12			3.20
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	1	6	38		12	20.14		10.64
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey, Jacksonville	1	7	38	36	12			26.49
Kenansville	J. W. Stokes, Kenansville	1	5	20	26	12			7.50
Kerr's									
Long Creek	G. A. Herring	1	4	50			5.00		
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run	1	6	51	35	12		5.29	10.50
Maple Hill									
Mary's Chapel									
Masonboro	E. Hewlett, Wilmington	1	7	84	50	12			15.00
Moore's Creek	W. L. Nunalie, Currie	1	3	24					
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Vann, Clinton	1	3	32		12			1.10
Mt. Olive									
Mt. Holly	C. Harrell, Burgaw	1	4	53		12			2.00
Magnolia	C. W. Hollingsworth, Magnolia	1	6	70					17.36
New Hope	C. E. Daniel	1	5	81					
Olive Branch									
Olivet	A. S. Lanier, Rocky Point	1	8	40	35				2.13
Piney Grove	H. J. Weeks	1	6	54		12			4.00
Poplar Grove									
Providence									
Rose Hill	D. N. Page, Rose Hill	1	4	30		12			
Riley's Creek	M. L. Guyton					12			
Sharon									
Siloam	A. J. Ward, Harrell's Store	1	5	35	25	12			5.50
Shiloh	A. H. Costin, Gritt	1	6	40	30	12			5.00
Springvale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	5	75	45	9			3 00
Southside	J. S. Canady, Wilmington	1	12	80		12			57.56
Salem	Z. E. Milton	1	4	30			12.22	7 81	
Teachey's	A. T. Bland	1	2	30		12			3.25
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	9	90				15.00	10.00
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	1				12			
Wilmington	L. H. Battle, Wilmington	1	23	250	200	12		75.00	75.00
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard	1	3	25	20	12			

CHURCHES.	Woman's Missionary So.				B. Y. P. U.			Sun Beams.		
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FOR NEXT SESSION :

Place of Meeting : Mt. Olive, Wayne County.
Time : Tuesday after 1st Sunday in Oct., 1900.
Introductory Sermon : J. J. Adams.
Missionary Sermon : J. D. Larkins.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said Committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been lead, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backbiting, and excessive anger: to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage te watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1.—On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a Chairman pro tem shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12.—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2.—Election of Officers.

3.—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4.—Appointment of Committees.

5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6.—Reports of Standing Committees.

7.—Reports of other Committees.

8.—Report of Treasurer.

9.—Miscellaneous Business.

10.—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11.—Adjournment.

MINUTES.

MOUNT HOLLY, Oct. 3. 1899.

The Eastern Association met in its fifty sixth annual session with the Mt. Holly Baptist Church at 11 a. m., Tuesday, October 3, 1899.

On motion bro. N. B. Cobb preached the Introductory Sermon, in the absence of R. C. Sandlin, the appointee. Text: Romans 6:3, 4.

After the sermon a recess was taken for one hour.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 1:30 p m., and read 19th Psalm. Benj. Ward led in prayer.

On motion of S. M. Carlton, Moderator appointed Committee on Religious Exercises, as follows: Pastor and Deacons of this church, D. H. Murray and Jasper Corbett added.

On motion of W. B. Lamb the following were appointed a Committee on Finance: F. M. Southerland, J. F. Lewis, W. B. Lamb.

Moderator appointed S. G. Hall and J. F. Littleton Reading Clerks.

On motion of J. T. Albritton the Letters to this session were read.

Churches called and Delegetes enrolled as follows:

Antioch—
Barlow's Chapel—J. B. Harrell, L. F. Batson.
Bethel—J. E. Smith, Murray Ward.
Beulah—By Letter.
Boykin's Chapel—O. L. Herring.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, H. B. Stallings, D. H. Murray.
Bowden's—By Letter
Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton, Dr. B. Brown,
Bethlehem—W. C. Keith.
Bear Branch—F. M. Orr.
Burgaw—J. C. Carroll, J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt.
Brooklyn—J. J. Payseur, J. H. Hildreth, D. L. Gore.
Clinton—O. P. Meeks, D. M. Peterson.
Concord—D. D. Wells, D. L. Register, J. C. Boone.
Corinth—A. D. Rogers, D. W. Fussell.
Colvin's Creek—By Letter.
Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, D. S. Ray.
Caswell—A. B. Rooks, Haywood Kelly.
Catherine Lake—John Marshburn.
Castle Haynes—S. Blossom.
Cedar Grove—
Dobson's Chapel—J. M. Dobson, W. B. Hawes.
Ebeneezer—By Letter.
Emma's Chapel—F. D. Shaw.
Hallsville—S. S. Boslie.
Haw Bluff—L. C. Boswell.
Island Creek—J. A. Teachey, E. Heldt.
Ivanhoe—C. C. Corbett, C. R. Corbett, J. F. Lewis.
Johnson's—W. H. Middleton, C. C. Everett, Lewis Carlton.

Jacksonville—By Letter.
Kenansville—J. A. Gavin, J. A. Gavin, Jr.
Long Creek—A. D. Bordeaux, J. H. Brinson, Geo. A. Herring.
Lisbon—W. B. Lamb, A R. Herring, W. S. Johnson.
Mt. Zion—F. F. Newton.
Maple Hill—J, R. Marshburn, E. P. Powers, E. N. Rayner.
Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett, J. G. Walton.
Moore's Creek—W. J. Hollingsworth, J. H. Highsmith D. J. Johnson.
Mt. Gilead—A. C. Peterson, B. Matthews.
Mt. Olive—Oliver Summerlin.
Mt. Holly—W. T. Hodgers, C. Harrell, I. Carroll.
Magnolia—G. W. Carroll, Ed. Southerland.
New Hope—C. E. Daniel, W. J. Herring, J. R. Wilson.
Olive Branch—
Olivet—S. E. McAlister, E. D. Walker, Henry King.
Piney Grove—By Letter.
Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers.
Providence—B. P. Bethea.
Rose Hill—By Letter.
Riley's Creek—David Barn Hill, W. W. Larkins.
Sharon—
Siloam—J. B. Highsmith, Love Jones.
Shiloh—A T. Herring, H. A. Bland, C. C. Woodcock.
Springvale—By Letter.
Southside—J. F. Littleton, R. B. Moore, W. E. Taylor.
Salem—Benjamin Ward.
Teachey's—Jas. D. Teachey, F. Savage, John Savage.
Warsaw—S. M. Carlton, S. A. Strickland, H. G. Owen.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, W. J. Rooks, R. L. Pigford
Wilmington—S. G. Hall, B. F. Keith, J. R. Marshall.
Willard—W. F. Bowen, B. F. Johnson, E. T. English.

Committee on Religious Exercises report preaching at the stand at 2 p. m., by J. J. Payseur. Prayer service Wednesday morning, 9:30, by J. D. Larkins.

On motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay the money sent with Letter from Bowden's equally to State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

On motion of S. M. Carlton the Letters from Clinton, New Hope, Mt. Olive, and Salem were laid on the table.

On motion of L. R. Highsmith, that part of the Shiloh Letter referring to Ivanhoe was laid on the table.

Moderator announced that it was in order for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon by motion of J. T. Albritton, S. G. Hall cast the ballot of the Association for J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; Isaiah Carroll, Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body: J. C. Caddell representing Biblical Recorder, E. J. Edwards representing N. C. Baptist, J. D. Newton from Liberty Association, C. S. Blackwell, J. J. Adams, and J. J. Payseur, who are now members of this Association.

The following Committees, appointed by the Moderator were announced:

State Missions—J. B. Harrell, C. C. Corbett, F. M. Orr.
Home Missions—J. W. Nobles, J. D. Hocutt, R. C. Lewis.

Foreign Missions--N. B. Cobb, A. B. Rooks, B. Matthews.
Orphanage--J. D. Larkins. D. L. Gore, W. B. Hawes.
Ministerial Education--C. S. Blackwell, C. E. Daniel, L. D. Rogers.
Ministerial Relief--J. H. Hildreth, E. Heldt, S. M. Carlton.
Periodicals- J. T. Albritton, J. J. Adams, J. T. Bland.
Sunday Schools--N. A Shelly, Benj. Ward, Maury Ward.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Letter from Shiloh was taken from the table and referred to a Committee appointed by Moderator, consisting of C. S. Blackwell, J. T. Albritton, N. B. Cobb.

On motion J. T. Bland was added to the Committee.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Moderator appointed as Corresponding Delegates any member of this Association who may visit any of the Associations to whom we usually send delegates.

The Association adjourned after prayer by M. C. Walton.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1899.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. D. Larkins, after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of delegates called Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Jno. E. White Corresponding Secretary, A. Johnson of the Orphanage and Charity and Children, were welcomed by Moderator.

Special order.—Reports of Executive Committee together with State Missions and Jacksonville church debt.

Reports not being ready, the Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to an Auditing Committee composed of C. E. Daniel, J. R. Marshall, W. J. Hollingsworth.

Report on State Missions was then submitted and read by J. B. Harrell:

REPORT ON STATE MISSONS.

We as Baptists of North Carolina have continual cause to thank God for the success that attends the work of State Missions within our bounds. Our motto has ever been and ever shall be "North Carolina for Jesus Christ." To this end our faithful laborers have toiled in the past, are toiling now, and shall continue to toil, until this grand ideal is reached. Our faithful heralds have gone to every county and almost every home in our beloved State, and as a result our most aggressive churches have sprung up, and many of the most faithful servants of the Lord who are preaching the Gospel, not only in North Carolina but in other portions of our country as well as in foreign lands, have been the outcome ef this work. Our Board of Missions has in the field this year 100 regular missionaries, one general missionary for the west, one district missionary, and a Sunday School missionary for the whole State. In addition to these we have 120 of our best pastors as members of the Volunteer Mission Corps reenforcing the regular workers on the destitute fields. We are occupying 358 destitute stations in 69 different counties.

Your Committee would call especial attention to the fact; that since our last session God has flung open a gate of great opportunity in western North Carolina. The Western North Carolina Convention dissolved and 10 counties were added to our field of work; this enlargement of our territory, brought about by God's providence, has made necessary an increase of $5,000 in Boards of Appropriation. In order that we may do our share in meeting the demands of this enlarged work, we recommend

that each church should increase its pledges for State Missions 33⅓ per cent.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Association we report that in our own bounds the Board has made appropriations as follows: To Joseph Aden and N. A. Shelly, $200; B. Ward, $50; J. H. Hildreth, $75; F. H. Farrington, $250; making a total amount of $575. These appropriations were made on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The earnest attention of the Association is called to the fact that by oversight or neglect no pledges were taken at our last session for Associational Missions; consequently our churches, with few exceptions, have taken collections to help the Board meet its obligations to missionaries in our own bounds; and we have received more than twice as much for our missionaries as we have raised for State Missions. Such a state of affairs ought not to be, and this Association should at once take pledges for Associational Missions.

J. B. HARRELL,
C. C. CORBETT,
F. M. ORR.

Pending its adoption the congregation sang "Jesus lover of my soul." At close of song Jno. E. White addressed the Association: after which a cash collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to $16.70.

On motion of J. H. Hildreth pledges were taken for State Missions as will appear in Table.

No written report of Executive Committe or Committee on Jacksonville church debt was submitted, but J. H. Hildreth, Benj. Ward, and N. A. Shelly spoke of their work and its needs.

At this juncture an effort was made to raise funds to pay balance due on Jacksonville church debt. D. L. Gore proposed that he would pay 25 per cent of the debt if the State Board would pay $100 and the Association would pay the balance. Jno. E. White assumed the payment of $100 on the part of the Board; $17.60 in cash received by individual subscriptions Roll of churches then called and pledges taken which secured the payment of the balance of the debt in thirty days.

On motion it was ordered that the settlement of this debt be turned over to D. L. Gore, and that all money raised for the payment of the same be paid in to him and that he apply the same to the settlement of said debt and report at our next session.

The report was then adopted.

The report on Orphanage was submitted and read by J. D. Larkins:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a successful year, although it has had a cause to be gloomy and almost despair, for, this year God has taken to his eternal reward one of the greatest, if not the greatest, friend the orphans have ever had. J. H. Mills will ever live in the memory of those who are homeless, yea, every one who knew him, and he was known where he was never seen. We wish to begin a new building, "Mills Memorial Machine Shop," let every Baptist in North Carolina rally to its erection. 175 orphans are provided for, and 300 more homeless and helpless are knocking at the door. Can't we provide for them? A new nursery nearly completed at a cost of $2200. Orphanage property valued at $25,000. Out of debt; do not owe a cent. All of the officers and teachers in full sympathy with their work, and the treatment of the children excellent. Charity and Children a circulation of 6,000, therefore destined

to be a great source of revenue. May God bless us and increase our zeal till all of those who are homeless shall find homes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. LARKINS,
D. L. GORE.
W. B HAWS,
Committee.

On motion of J. D. Larkins this report was made special order, the first business after dinner.

Announcement by C. S. Blackwell that the Representatives of the Woman's Missionary Societies will meet at 2 p. m., at the stand.

Committee on Investigation reported as follows:

REPORT.

After carefully investigating all the facts relating to the grievances expressed in Letter from Shiloh church against Ivanhoe church, your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that this Association, to whom an adjustment of the difficulties between these churches has been referred, recommend, 1st. That Ivanhoe church rescind its action in receiving the 49 brethren from Shiloh church who united with them without Letters. 2d. That Shiloh church rescind its action in regard to all the brethren and sisters who endorsed a paper setting forth certain grievances and signed "Brethren and Sisters of Shiloh church," and restore such of them as have been excluded to church fellowship, with the understanding that they be granted Letters of Dismission to unite with other Baptist churches if they so desire.

C. S. BLACKWELL,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
N. B. COBB,
Committee.

The report as read was adopted after which a prayer of thanks was offered by C. S. Blackwell.

The Association then adjourned for one hour. Benediction by O. P. Meeks.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 p. m.

On motion the preaching of Missionary Sermon was made special order to follow Report on Orphanage.

Special order, Report on Orphanage was taken up and spoken to by A. Johnson.

Final leave of absence granted the delegates from Masonboro and Hallsville.

On motion a cash collection was taken for the Orphange, amounting to $9.59. The report was then adopted.

The delegetes from Poplar Grove, Castle Haynes, also D. L. Gore were granted final leave of absence.

Then the Association suspended for the preaching of the Missionary Sermon.

Scripture used, Isaiah 38:17, Rom. 1:3, and latter part of Rom. 8.

After sermon business was resumed. D. W. Fussell excused.

Report on Periodicals submitted and read by J. T. Albritton.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee deplore the fact that so many brethren fail to patronize our periodicals. No Baptist can become a well developed Chris-

tian character, and no organization can become an active, co-operative Baptist church that ignores our denominational literature. The individual or church thus deprived of the means of information and development will be marred by dwarfishness or disfigurement, or both, and as unsightly as a body covered with wens and carbuncles. We appeal to our pastors to urge their brethren to seek wider information about, and deeper interest in the co-operative work of the denomination by means of the Biblical Recorder, price $1.50 per year: North Corolina Baptist, $1.00; Charity and Children, $1.00; Foreign Mission Journal, 25 cents; Our Home Field, 10 cents; and the Sunday School Literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. See to it that above periodicals are taken by the membership of their churches.

Respectfully, COMMITTEE.

J. C. Caddell and J. D. Newton spoke to the report, After which the report was adopted,

On motion J. T. Albritton the Committee on Requests was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of O. P. Meeks, Oliver Summerlin, L. R. Highsmith.

By N. B. Cobb, a motion that Moderator appoint one member on each of the several Committees who shall be Chairman of his respective Committee, who shall prepare a report to the next session of the Association for his Committee. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following;

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

State Missions—N. B. Cobb.
Home Missions—C. S. Blackwell.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Nobles.
Orphanage—J. D. Larkins.
Ministerial Education—O. P. Meeks.
Ministerial Relief—C. E Daniel.
Periodicals—J. T. Albritton.
Sunday Schools—S. M. Carlton.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report have examined the same and found it correct.

Isaiah Carroll in account with Eastern Association for 1898:

To amount received of Finance Committee for

Foreign Missions	$ 77.72
Gospel Missions	6.00
Home Missions	55.65
State Missions	61.90
Associational Missions	186.74
Minister's Relief	30.90
Orphanage	61.01
Minute Fund	36.89
Ministerial Education	41.67
Jacksonville Church	10.72
Cash collection for Orphanage	13.66
Received of W. H. Middleton, ex-Treasurer	90
Church at Antioch, Association Funds	2.25
J. R. Marshburn, for Jacksonville Church	1.00
Miss Ethel Herring, for Ministerial Education	50

Clerk Association, for Jacksonville Church	2.25
Mt. Olive Church	6.75
B. S. Peterson	5.00
Church at Bear Branch	1.00
Church at Hallsville	1.50
C. E. Daniel	2.50
Jacksonville Church, for State Missions	1.00
	607.51

Disbursed as follows:

By order of the Association to	
Jno. E. White, for State Missions	$ 61.90
Home Missions	55.65
Foreign Missions	77.72
Ministerial Education	41.67
Minister's Relief Fund	30.90
A. Johnson, for Orphanage	74.67
W. L. Bilbro, Associational Missions	186.74
Jacksonville Church Debt	11.72
A. R. Herring, Minute Fund	36.89
Gospel Mission	6 00
Thomas J. Jarmon, on note	15.00
Treasurer B. S. C. for State Missions	1.00
Ministerial Ed'n	50
Postage	26
	$600.72
Balance in Treasury	6.79

The report was adopted.

Final leave of absence given delegates from Bear Branch.

On motion of S. G. Hall it was ordered that the Treasurer be paid $5.00 out of the funds in the hands of Finance Committee not appropriated.

On motion of J. J. Adams it was ordered that the balance of the money in the hands of Finance Committee be divided equally between State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report prayer service to-morrow morning at 9:30 by J. W. Noble. Preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock by J. D. Larkins.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Renj. Ward.

The Association then adjourned with benediction by J. J. Adams.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises by J. W. Nobles. At 10 a. m. the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. The proceedings of yesterday read and corrected, then approved.

On motion of J. H. Hildreth, Moderator appointed a Committee to nominate an Executive Committse. Committee—J. H. Hildreth, W. B. Hawes, Jno. A. Gavin.

On motion a Committee was appointed to nominate delegates to the State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. Committee—Jno. T. Albritton, S. M. Carlton.

On motion Moderator appointed a Committee on Stated Sermons, as follows: D. M. Peterson, W. H. Middleton, L. R. Highsmith.

The report on Sunday Schools was then spoken to by O. P. Meeks, J. J. Adams, and J. H. Hildreth.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday or Bible School stands next to the Church as a factor in shaping the moral, social, and religious destiny, we, your Committee, earnestly recommend that the churches and pastors of this Association keep zealous watch over their respective Sunday Schools, and not only report most intelligent and pure members as Superintendents and teachers. Respectfully submitted,

N. A. SHELLY,
BENJ. WARD.
MAURY WARD.

The report was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by N. B. Cobb:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Paul writing from Corinth "to all that in Rome called saints," said: "I am debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise, so as much as in me is I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also."—Rom. 1:14. He did not mean that because these parties had bestowed upon him favors, or were his personal friends or connected by earthly kinship, that he owed them the gospel, but he meant plainly, that a man who had received the gospel himself was placed under obligation to deliver that Gospel to every human being upon the whole earth, whom he could reach in his life time. It was a legacy left him by the Saviour to be distributed among all nations—to be carried to every creature. And Paul's debt to the world could not be fully discharged so long as a single individual remained within his reach who had not heard of the Gospel of Christ. As was Paul's indebtedness to the lost world, so is ours; for this obligation rests upon every individual who has received the gift of eternal life. What are we doing to discharge our debt? The 1658 white churches in North Carolina containing 165,754 professing Christians gave last year but $8,092.91 to the Foreign Mission Board to send the Gospel to the millions of China, of Africa, of Japan, of Brazil, and of Mexico, who have it not.

Some individual churches have made contributions to support individual missionaries through what is known as "The Gospel Mission Plan," amounting to ; but what are these amounts when compared with the vast destitution in pagan and in papal lands.

North Carolina Baptists are now represented in China by the following ordained missionaries and their wives, and by the daughter of Bro. G. W. Green.

Under the Board: R. T. Bryan, E. F. Tatum, Shanghai, China; G. W. Green, Canton, China; T. C. Britton, W. E. Crocker, Soochow, China.

Under Gospel Mission: David Wells Herring, Chinkiang, China; J. P. Bostic, Shanghai, China; T. L. Blalock, F. M. Royal, T. J. Hudson, Chinkiang, China.

We have given liberally in men and women. Let us give as liberally of the means wherewith God has blessed us

N. B. COBB,
B. MATTHEW.
Committee.

Report on Woman's Work read by J. J. Adams and ordered to be printed together with Report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Eastern Association:

It is with great pleasure that the Central Committee reports to your Association another prosperous year in its mission work. While we regret to say there are yet many churches in which there are no Woman's Missionary Societies. The number of these organizations is constantly increasing and testimony to their helpfulness comes from every section of our State. The aim of these Societies is not only regular contributions to Home, State, and Foreign Missions; but also the study of the Scriptures, united prayer and mission study. It is with deep thankfulness, therefore, that we can truly say we believe the Societies are not only growing in gifts, but growing in the grace of God, and in knowledge of His Word.

In the year 1897-98 96 new societies were organized, and $6,893 were reported. December, 1898, closed the 13th report of the Central Committee. This Committee was appointed by the State Board of Missions in 1896, and from a beginning of 14 societies has risen to 350. In the 13 years work $44,664 has been reported. We ask again as last year for the continued assistance of the ministers, believing that an active Woman's Missionary Society will be found to be a blessing to every branch of church work. Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE E. S. HECK,
President Woman's Central Committee.
MISS JULIA M. JONES,
Vice President for the Eastern Association.

In 1897-98 only 11 societies reported to the State Central Committee from the 60 churches of this Association the following amounts to Home, State, and Foreign Missions:

Mt. Olive	12.04
Magnolia	2.50
Warsaw	33.35
Bear Marsh	3.81
Clinton	15.20
Sunbeams—Clinton	1.05
Sunbeams—Kenansville	20.00
Wilmington	109.92
Corinth	19.30
Sunbeams—Mt. Olive	4.67
Southside—Wilmington	4.23
	226.07

The reports were spoken to by N. B. Cobb and then adopted.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee reported recommending: S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murray, D L. Gore, J. W. Nobles, and E. Middleton. Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AND S. B. CONVENTION.

To Baptist State Convention.—C. S. Blackwell, J. J. Adams, J. B. Harrell.

To Southern Baptist Convention,—J. J. Paysuer.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATED SERMONS.

Introductory Sermon.—J. J. Adams.
Missionary Sermon.—J. D. Larkins.

Report on Ministerial Relief submitted and read by J. H. Hildreth, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

All vocations and professions in life do at some time find their value in dollars and cents save preaching the g spel. Therefore, we your committee believe it to be not only a duty but also a privilege to see after and support aged ministers and their faithful companions of our denomination, and as they have worn their lives away ministering to us in spiritual things, feel it to be our duty to care for them in their old age. We also request and urge upon the pastors of this Association to faithfully explain this worthy object to their churches, and take up at least one collection a year for this worthy object.

Faithfully,

J. H. HILDRETH,
E. HELDT,
S. M. CARLTON.
Committee.

Report was spoken to by J. H. Hildreth and adopted.

Report on Home Missions submitted and read by J. W. Nobles:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work has for its territory Tennessee, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Cuba, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, and all the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention. This work is very important. Foreign population is coming in from various parts of the world. We ought to give them the gospel as they come to us. To fully supply the destitution in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, and Texas alone it would require more than 1,000 missionaries and about $480,000 to support them, besides what their fields of labor would furnish, and about as much for building churches annually, for the next 10 years. If we include the remaining States of the Southern Baptist Convention, it would require about 2,000 missionaries and about $500,000, annually, to supply our own destitute territory. Cuba came into our hands in the war with Spain, and ought to be nearer our hearts than ever before. We ought to gain and take that country for Christ. Last year this Association gave for Home Missions $134.50. This year it gave about $122.67. Shall this Association with its 6,333 members let these conditions remain unchanged? Dear brethren lets fall in line, unite our efforts, double our gifts to this work, and give the gospel to our brethren.

J. W. NOBLES,
J. D. HOCUT,
Committee.

O. P. Meeks spoke to the report.

On motion of O. P. Meeks Roll of Churches was then called, and pledges taken for Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Minister's Relief and Orghanage, which will appear in table; after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Requests submitted its report by O. P. Meeks recommending Clinton as the place of meeting of this Association in 1900.

An amendment by C. E. Daniel to strike out Clinton and insert New Hope. The amendment prevailed by a vote of 32 to 13. By J. H. Hil-

dreth, a motion to amend by striking out New Hope and inserting Salem which was carried by a vote of 29 to 27. An amendment was then offered by J. T. Albritton to strike out Salem and insert Mt. Olive. Amendment in favor of Mt. Olive by a vote of 32 to 29 prevailed.

On motion the vote was made unanimous for Mt. Olive.

Finance Committee submitted its report, as follows:

Foreign Missions		$ 69.54
Gospel Missions		8.00
Home Missions		73.56
State Missions		152.09
Minister's Relief		52.63
Orphanage		65.61
Ministerial Education		46.47
Minute Fund		42.52
Jacksonville Church		9.50
Poor		1.12
		521.04
From Mt. Olive not designated	19.60	
Not designated from other churches	17.56	
	37.16	

The Finance Committee finds and reports the above amounts for the various objects sent up with the Letters.

F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
W. B. LAMB,
J. F. LEWIS, Committee.

Report as submitted was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was submitted and read by C.E.Daniel:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We congratulate the Baptists of North Carolina on being the leaders in the great educational movement now sweeping the State from mountain to sea. The educational enthusiasm now prevailing in the State is evidenced in the unprecedented number of students now in Wake Forest and in the Baptist Female University—250 and 184 respectively. The opening of the Baptist Female University with 142 boarders and 42 day pupils is phenominal in higher female education. No school of equal grade ever opened with such signal tokens of public favor. It is a work that began in faith and God has not failed to honor his faithful servants.

WAKE FOREST.

Has moved on and up on all lines. The 250 students now within her walls testify how close she is to every Baptist heart. The ministerial students now number 30, and the Board appropriates $9.00 per month to each, with the agreement that each beneficiary give his note for same and to refund with interest. We believe this arrangement is wise and calculated to inculcate a higher selfrespect in each beneficiary and at the same time increase the usefulness of the Board in future years. We heartily commend this interest to every church, and urge a collection for Ministerial Education. We commend our many preparatory schools scattered over our State, and especially such as are within the bounds of our own Association. Baptists should patronize Baptist schools, other things being equal—and things are more than equal in favor of our Baptist schools.

C. S. BLACKWELL,
C. E. DANIEL.

The report was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the funds in his hands to the several objects as indicated by the Finance Committee.

On motion of J. J. Adams it was ordered that the Clerk be allowed $20.00 for his services and the distribution of the Minutes; and that he have as many copies of the Minutes published as he can have printed for the balance of Minute Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I appeal to the pastors and delegates to request their Woman's Missionary Societies to send quarterly reports to Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C., and to Miss Julia M. Jones, Warsaw, N. C. If you have no society please organize one.

By J. T. Albritton, Resolution of Thanks—

Resolved, That we hereby tender our heartfelt thanks for the bountiful hospitality so generously given by the Mt Holly Church and by the Christian people generally; also to the friends who helped us to and from the railroad. Adopted by a rising vote.

The work of the Association having been finished the Moderator asked J. T. Albritton to take charge of the closing exercises. The congregation united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." Rev. J. T. Albritton led in prayer. After which the Association adjourned to meet again with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mt. Olive, Wayne County, on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, 1900.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan'e.	Ministeri'l Education	Minister's Relief.	Jacksonville Debt	TOTAL
Barlow's Chapel	10 00	5.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	*2.00	46 00
Bethel	15.00	5 00	5 00	5.00	3.00	3.00	*2.50	58.50
Beulah	5.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1 00	10.00
Boykin's Chapel	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	....	1.00	....	8.00
Berea	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	6.00
Bowden's	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Bear Marsh	4.00	2.00	3.00	2 00	1.00	1.00	2.00	15 00
Bethlehem	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	10.00
Bear Branch	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Burgaw	.....	5.00	..	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	14.00
Brooklyn	75.00	5 00	5 00	5.00	5.00	5 00	5.00	105.00
Clinton	17.00	5.00	5.00	5.09	5.00	2.00	* 50	39.50
Concord	3.00	2.00	.	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	11.00
Corinth	10.00	8.00	8 00	3.00	3.00	3.00	.....	35.00
Caintuck Chapel	5.00	3.00	20.00	5.00	3 00	3.00	....	39.00
Caswell	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00
Catherine Lake	5.00	.....	..	..	...	.....	1.00	6.00
Castle Haynes	1.00	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Dobson's Chapel	15.00	6.00	6.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.00	35.50
Emma's Chapel	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
Hallsville	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	1.00	* 25	9.75
Haw Bluff	5.00	1.00	2.50	2.00	....	1.00	* 50	12.00
Island Creek	15.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	47.00
Ivanhoe	.....	5.00	5 00	5.00	1.00	1.00	....	17.00
Johnson's,	15.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	*2.00	37.00
Jacksonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	5.00	5.00
Kenansville	10.00	3.00	8.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	25.00
Kerr's (Mt. Zion)	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Long Creek	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Lisbon	20.00	5.00	5 00	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	39 00
Maple Hill	3.50	1 00	4.00	3.00	2.50	1.00	.....	15.00
Mary's Chapel	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1 00	1.00	....	8.00
Masonboro	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	8.00
Moore's Creek	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	1.00	1.00	10.00
Mt. Gilead	4.00	2.00	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	* 50	12.50
Mt. Olive	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	.....	30.00
Mt. Holly	5.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	...	1.00	1.00	14.00
Magnolia	15.00	2.00	5.00	2 00	1.00	1.00	1.00	27.00
New Hope	15.00	3.00	.....	10.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	36.00
Olivet	5.00	50	.....	1.00	50	50	.....	7.50
Poplar Grove	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Providence	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	8.00
Riley's Creek	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	14.00
Siloam	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	13.00
Shiloh	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Southside	40.00	8.00	5.00	12.00	.....	5 00	5.00	75.00
Salem	12.00	2.50	2.50	3.00	.....	2.00	1.00	22.00
Teachey's	2.50	2.00	.....	3.50	2.00	2.00	1.00	13.00
Warsaw	20.00	5.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	2.50	52.50
Wells Chapel	5.00	2.00	.....	5.00	2 00	2.00	2.00	18.00
Wilmington	100.00	37.50	37.50	50.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	255.00
Willard	2 00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	10.00
	534.50	161.50	195.50	182.00	83.00	76.50	52.75	1285.75

Amounts marked thus * paid. Churches making no pledges omitted.

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Jacksonv'le Debt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improve-ments	Other Church Expenses.	Total.	Present Indebtedn's	Value Church Property.
Antioch.....																	
Barlow Chapel..	5.00	5.00	22.35	....	6.31	3.00	3.00	....	....	4.44	1 00	125.00	.....	30.00	205.10	....	1,000
Bethel	7.00	2.00	4.78	10.10	6.00	3.00	3.25	....	...	....	75	75.00	.....	.....	111.88	....	.....
Beulah	2.50	1.00	8.34	....	11.81	2.00	1.00	..	....	2.00	45	75.00	.....	.....	104.10	....	.....
Boykins Chapel.	3.00	.	...	....	1.00	1.00	....	....	....	....	50	65.00	.....	.....	70.50	....	300
Berea	....	....	....	...	1.00	....	....	....	....	...	50	.....	.....	.....	1.50	...	300
Bowden's	3 50	1.00	1.00	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	35.00	.....	.....	40 50	....	.....
Bear Marsh.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	..	2.80	14.00	1.00	....	....	....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	26.80	....	350
Bethlehem.....	7.00	3.00	4.15	13 25	2.98	2.15	2.27	....	....	..	1.25	100.00	.....	135.00	271.05	....	600
Bear Branch ...	1.76	1.35	....	90	35	....	....	....	....	....	35	....	.....	.....	4.71	....	125
Burgaw	4.09		...	28.15	4 34	....	....	....	....	....	1 05	100.00	527.92	5.00	670.55	100 00	1,400
Brooklyn	120.00	35.00	15.00	...	35.00	5.00	35.00	...	5 00	....	1.00	750.00	....	52.00	1053.00	...	2,500
Clinton	15.00	5.00	5.00	....	5.00	5.00	2.50	5.80	....	...	1.00	275.00	....	.....	318.80	...	1,500
Concord	3.75	2.00	10	8.25	2 88	1.00	2.00	..	...	...	75	70.00	.....	.....	90.73	...	500
Corinth	6.00	10.00	10.00	...	3.13	3.00	3.00	....	...	....	75	125.00	.....	.....	160.88	....	750
Colvin's Creek..	2.08	....	6.40	....	1.19	....	....	....	9.52	....	50	45.50	10 00	.....	75 19	13.00	200
Caintuck Chapel	5.00	3.00	19.40	3.10	5.00	3 00	3.00	...	...	....	1.00	125.00	.....	.....	167.50	...	300
Caswell	1.00	....	1.00	1.50	5.03	....	1.00	....	2.70	...	50	75.00	.....	16.13	103.86	17.40	1,000
Catherine Lake.	1.00	...	75	....	50	....	....	....	....	...	25	25.00	...	.....	27.50	....	700
Castle Haynes..	1.00	....	...	....	50	....	...	....	...	....	25	50.00	.....	.....	51 75	50.00	1,000
Cedar Grove...																	
Dobson's Chapel	13.50	6.00	15.00	....	2.50	2.50	2.50	....	....	....	50	100.00	.....	.....	142.50	....	400
Ebeneezer	2.00	1 00	1.00	...	1 00	...	80	....	....	....	30	48.00	.....	.....	54.10	...	200
Emma's Chapel.	3.00	....	1.00	....	2.60	..	50	....	....	....	1.00	50.00	.....	.....	57.50	....	600
Hallsville	1.00	1.00	1.00	..	1.00	....	1.00	....	1.12	..	1.00	.....	.....	.....	7.12	...	400
Haw Bluff ..	2.07	1.00	6.00	..	1.59	.	....	....	....	..	50	60.00	.....	.....	71.16	25.00	400
Island Creek ..	15.00	10.00	10.00	..	5.00	5 00	5.00	....	....	14.00	1.50	100 00	.....	....	165 50	...	600

Ivanhoe	5.89	3.82	6.99	.	6 70	4.50	2.30	...	....	...	1.30	60.00	55 00	.....	146.50	....	500
Johnson's	13.78	4.91	24.10	10.00	11.52	2.00	3.00	....	25.00	1.00	1.70	125.00	.....	.....	222.01	....	1.000
Jacksonville	1.67	1 67	1.75	..	1.66	1.79	1.66	....	....	..	....	100.00	.....	99.14	209.14	242.00	1 500
Kenansville	15 51	4.00	10.00	..	16.50	2 00	1.00	...	....	....	1.00	125.00	138.00	12.00	325.01	..	1,000
Long Creek	...	1.00		10 00	1.75	...	1.00	....	....	....	20	75 00	.....	30.00	118.95	.	300
Lisbon	18.10	5.00	6 28	10 33	5.10	4.00	2.17	....	....	18.00	1.20	125.00	1.00	.....	196.18	...	800
Mt. Zion	3.19	1.52	1.00	....	1.42	63	....	...	....	2,98	20	50.00	.....	.....	60.84	...	.....
Maple Hill	3 00	.	2 00	...	....	2.00	..	....	....	....	25	30.00	.. ..	7.00	44.25	....	.....
Mary's Chapel	1.75	1 00	1.00		1.33	1.00	1.00	1 00	....	...	45	36.00	.. ..		44.53	....	.....
Masonboro	5.00	....		15.00	5.00	...	1.85	....	...	....	1.00	100.00	.....	30.00	157.85	....	500
Moore's Creek	2.67	.	2.57	1 50	4 04	...	1.40	1.00	....	....	1.00	100.00	60.00	.....	174 18	...	500
Mt. Gilead	2.50	2 00	...	32 00	2.00	2.05	2.00	...	....	....	...	125.00	.....	5.50	175.05	...	800
Mt. Olive	...	...	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	24.35	....	.....
Mt. Holly	2.50	1.25	3.40	..	3.00	....	1.00	..	....	....	1.00	50.00	125 00	.....	187.15	50.00	800
Magnolia	....	1.33	5.00	....		1.03	....	....	....	....	1.00	100 00	.....	....	108.36	...	.....
New Hope	6.25	2.54	....	45.00	10.68	2.79	2.97	....	11.55	10.00	1.00	100.00	.....	.....	192.78	..	500
Olive Branch																	
Olivet	3.81		....	....	2.14	....	....	....	....	....	94	40.00	100.00	72	147.61	....	400
Piney Grove	4 00	1.00	1.00	..	3.00	....	....	...	5.50	....	50	75.00	.....	.....	90.00	....	350
Poplar Grove	3.00	1.19	2 41	...	3.10	1.30	93	....	....	....	58	50.00	.....	.....	62.51	..	350
Providence	2.00	1.00	1.00	..	4 00	50	3.00	....	....	...	50	83.11	.....	10.75	105.86	...	300
Rose Hill	....	..	45	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	25.00	....	.....	25 45	...	.....
Riley's Creek	3.00	2.00	2.00	....	1.00	1.00	2.00	....	1.50	...	75	100.00	... .	8.00	121.25	....	.....
Sharon																	
Siloam	4.00	2.00	2.00		4.50	1.00	1.00	....	....	...	1.00	100.00	.....	.....	115 50	....	1,000
Shiloh	2.30	1.01	3.10	24 00	3.75	1.38	2.58	....	....	....	1.00	100.00	.....	...	139.12	....	100
Springvale	2.00	88	2.00	....	26 12	1.00	1.00	...	....	....	65	60.00	.. ..	....	93.65	....	700
Southside	30.00	5.00	5 00	..	15.00	....	....	..	5.45	10.00	1.75	350.88	464.92	91.20	979 20	948.87	1,800
Salem	10.00	2.65	5.00	....	1 20	...	....	..	5.65	10.62	...	80.98	.....	.....	116.10	....	250
Teacheys	3.00	1.00	....	4.47	3.21	....	2 00	....	...	..	1 50	100.00	.....	10.00	125.18	....	1,000
Warsaw	15.00	25.04	24.15	...	5.00	5 00	1.00	....	....	....	1 50	125.00	.....	25.00	226.69	....	1,500
Wells Chapel	3.62	3.70	2.00	376.13	9 70	..	3.12	2 25	....	....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	402.02	...	.....
Wilmington	167 50	18.40	33.09	17 25	15 00	...	....	....	229.90	29.00	3.30	1500.00	140.96	1282.00	3,436.40	....	40.000
Willard	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	50	1.00	...	...	....	60	75.00	.....	.....	73.10	....	800
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PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch			
Barlow's Chapel	J. B. Harrell, Magnolia	R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store	Maury Ward, Joford	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. D. Larkin's, Warsaw	C. J. Thomson, Turkey	3d Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	L. M. Boykin, Clinton	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Berea	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bowden's	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	W. S. Loften, Bowdens	
Bear Branch	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	W. R. Brinson, Montague	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bear Marsh		J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem	J. W. Nobles, Harrell'sStore	W. C. Keith, Keith	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Hocut, Ashton	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Brooklyn	J. J. Payseur, Wilmington	W. G. T. Keen, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Clinton	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	J. A. Sykes, Clinton	1st and 3d Sunday.
Concord	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	W. D. Wilkins, atural Wells	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Corinth	J. B. Harrell Magnolia	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Colvin's Creek	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	W. G. Horrell, Atkinson	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Caintuck Chapel		D. J. Corbett, Sr., Nat Moore	
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. L. Watson, Pt. Caswell	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	W. M. Bishop, Catherine Lake	Twice 4th Sunday.
Castle Haynes	Benj. Ward, Sneed's Ferry	Mrs. Cora Fonville, Castle Haynes	4th Sunday.
Cedar Grove			
Dobson's Chapel	J B. Harrell, Magnolia	J. M. Dobson, Keenansville	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Ebeneezer	N. B. Cobb, Harrell s Store	R Highsmith, Parkersburg	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake.	A. H. Hoffman, Richlands	1st Sunday.
Hallsville	N. A. Shelly, Richlands	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Haw Bluff	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	L. C. Boswell, Colly	2d Sunday.
Island Creek	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1st Sunday and Saturday before.

Ivanhoe	F. T. Wooten, Salemburg	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Jacksonville	N A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	3d Sunday.
Kenansville	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw.	Jno. A Gavin, Keenansville	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Long Creek	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store	J. S. Devane, Daughton	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Lisbon	J. J. Adams, Clinton	W. B Lamb, Ingold	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Zion	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	H. Devane, Kerr	2d Sunday.
Maple Hill	Benj. Ward, Marines	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill	3d Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	F. M. Southerland, Keenansville.	1st Sunday—evening.
Masonboro	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	Add Hewlett, Wilmington	4th Sunday and night.
Moores Creek	E J. Edwards, Lena	F. B. Orr Currie	3d Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Olive	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	
Mt. Holly	Benj. Ward, Marines	I. Carroll, South Washington	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Magnol a	J. B Harrell, Magnolia	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia	1st Sunday.
New Hope	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	G. W. Carroll, Six Runs	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Branch			
Olivet	Benj. Ward, Marines	E. K. Walker, Rocky Point	1st Sunday.
Piney Grove	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	E. L. King, Clinton	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Poplar Grove	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	W. D. Stevens, Faisons	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. M. Bishop, Holly Ridge	2d Sunday.
Rose Hill	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	D. N Page, Tar Landing	
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Maun, Rocky Point	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Sharon			
Siloam	F. T. Wooten, Salemburg	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Shiloh		C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Springvale	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	A. F Robinson, Ingold	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Southside		J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Salem	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. E. Robinson, Sneed's Ferry	3d Sunday.
Teachey's	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	B. P. Teachey, Wallace	2d Sunday.
Warsaw	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	H. G Owen, Warsaw	2d Sunday.
Well's Chapel	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store	L. D. Highsmith, Bland	2d Sunday.
Wilmington	C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington.	E. S. Lathrop, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Willard	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	W. T. Bowen, Willard	1st Sunday and Saturday before

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch											
Barlow Chapel				5	1	1	38	52	90		
Bethel				2		5	48	79	127		
Beulah	4	1		10		3	54	70	124		
Boykin's Chapel				1	3	1	33	47	80		
Berea	2			1	1		39	40	79		
Bowden's				3	1		10	26	36		
Bear Marsh				2	1	1	42	76	118	J. T. Albritton.	
Bethlehem	1	2	1	2		5	60	82	142		
Bear Branch	4			1	1	1	31	20	51		
Burgaw	1	8		10		5	45	45	90		
Brooklyn							34	51	85	J. H. Hildreth.	
Clinton	4	2			3	2	90	123	213	J. L. Stewart O. P. Meeks	L. M. Hobbs.
Concord		1	1		5	1	28	45	73		
Corinth				1	2	2	85	94	169	A J. Taylor.	
Colvin's Creek					2	1	25	31	56		
Caintuck Chapel				2	1	2	69	80	149		
Caswell	13	3	2	3	2	8	31	59	90		
Catherine Lake					2		6	20	26		
Castle Haynes	4			1	1				21		
Cedar Grove											
Dobson's Chapel				1	1		47	56	103		
Ebeneezer				2		1	26	22	48		
Emma's Chapel		1		2		1	17	40	57		
Hallsville	4				1	1	40	69	109		
Haw Bluff					1	1	45	63	108		
Island Creek	2	1			3	1	79	125	204		

Ivanhoe				1	1	2	29	43	72		
Johnson's	9	5	1		1		69	85	154	W. L. Bilbro.	
Jacksonville		2			3	4	25	25	50		
Kenansville	10	4			1	2	29	58	87	J. D. Larkins.	
Long Creek	1		5	11	3	4	43	57	100		
Lisbon	8			1	1	5	54	49	103		
Mt. Zion	1					3	18	22	40		
Maple Hill	1						16	21	37		
Mary's Chapel						8	21	33	54	J. H. Dobson	
Masonboro	3			4	1	3	37	69	106	R. H. Hewlett.	
Moore's Creek	4	9			2		25	35	60		
Mt. Gilead			3			3	66	104	170		
Mt. Olive							63	97	160		
Mt. Holly		2			1		40	69	109	R. J. Bateman.	
Magnolia	13	4		2		2	49	105	154		
New Hope	21	2	2		1	3	93	117	210		W. B Rivenbark.
Olive Branch											
Olivet	3		1		1		24	31	55		
Piney Grove				1	2	1	50	79	129	R. C. Sandlin.	
Poplar Grove				5	1	5	47	37	84		
Providence	3	2				2	22	39	61		
Rose Hill							4	10	14		
Riley's Creek	15		5	6	3	1	66	105	171	Charley Taylor.	
Sharon											
Siloam			1	1	3	2	59	65	124	W. A. Melvin.	
Shiloh	1			13	2	1	62	114	176		
Springvale							41	59	100		
Southside	27	8	9	4	3	7	55	96	151	F. H. Farrington.	
Salem	1	1		3	2	4	33	40	73		
Teachey's	5	2		1			54	58	112		
Warsaw	2		1		1	3	78	122	200	L. R. Carroll.	
Well's Chapel	7			21	1	4					
Wilmington	12	48		1	1	18	155	266	421	A. F. King.	
Willard				3		6	36	52	88		
Totals	186	109	33	127	67	136	2,425	3,577	6,002		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	ENROLLMENT					CONTRIBUTIONS.		
		Number Schools.	No. Teachers and Officers.	Number Pupils.	Average Attendance	No. Months Open.	Expenses	Orphanage.	Other Objects.
Antioch									
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews, Sloop Point	1	5	30	35	12			
Bethel									
Beulah									
Boykin's Chapel									
Berea		1	5	45	25	5	6.00		
Bowden's									
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mt Olive	1	5	30	25	12			
Bethlehem	W. N. Anderson, Birta	1	6	85	52	9	7.45		
Bear Branch	W. B Brinson, Montague	1	3	26	15	9	2.00		
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	1	5	50	30	12	6.00		
Brooklyn	J. C. Gore Wilmington	1	16	150	112	12	74.26		4 72
Clinton	W B. Stewart, Clinton	2	9	110	66	12	15.00		
Concord	W. G, Wilkins, Natural Wells	1	5	25	20	12			
Corinth	I J. Johnson, Rose Hill	1	6	50	40	12	3.60		
Colvin's Creek	David Lewis, Atkinson	1	4	35	25	12	3.00		
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett, Sr., Nat More	1	4	77	33	12	4.00	1.96	2.50
Caswell	Wm. Malpass, oint Caswell	1	4	45	36	12	3.98	27	
Catherine Lake	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake	1	10	55	50	12	11.90		
Castle Hayne									
Cedar Grove									
Dobson's Chapel	W. B. Hawes. Xenia	1	4	45	5	10	6.95	2.79	
Ebeneezer	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	1	4	54	30	12	5.66		
Emma's Chapel	A. H. Hoffman, Richlands	1	8	82	35	12	4.00	1.60	
Hallsville	O. W. Scott, Hallsville	1	3	30	20	12			
Haw Bluff									
Island Creek									

Ivanhoe	J. F. Lewis, Ivanhoe	2	4	50	25	12	3.20		
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	1	7	27	25	12	12.12	15.43	1.70
Jacksonville	I. E. Ketchum, Jacksonville	1	7	45	27	12	26.36		
Kenansville	L. A. Beasley, Kenansville	1	6	35	28	12	6.00		
Long Creek	J. F. Herring, Daughton	1	3	50	35	12	3.00		
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Tomahawk	1	7	53	26	12	7.90	4.00	3.55
Mt. Zion									
Maple Hill	K. F. Powers, Maple Hill	1	5	40	25	12	2.80		
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Stokes, Keenansville	1	4	27	18	9			
Masonboro	B. S. Montford Wilmington	1	8	83	40	12	25.00	10.00	
Moore's Creek	W. J. Hollingsworth	1	5	45	30	12	5.00		
Mt. Gilead	C. F. Tew, Clinton	2	8	50	35	12			
Mt. Olive	O. E. Franklin, Mt. Olive	1			60	12			13.81
Mt. Holly	C. Harrell, Burgaw	1	4	40	25	12	3.00		
Magnolia	Dr. Arthur, Magnolia	1	6	60	45	12	12.00	3.93	
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, Turkey	1	6	80	60	12	7.00		
Olive Branch									
Olivet	F. C. Shepard, Rocky Point	1	8	30	20	12	10.05		
Piney Grove	S. H. Hare, Kenner's	2	7	50	40	12	3.50		
Poplar Grove	W. B. Harriss, Faison	1	4	49	20	12			
Providence									
Rose Hill	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	1	3	42	30	12	10.00		
Riley's Creek	M. L. Guyton, Rocky Point	1	7	50	40	12			
Sharon									
Siloam	W. P. Ward, Harrell's Store	1	3	43	35	12	5.00		
Shiloh	H. A Bland, Moore's Creek	1	5	60	50	12	4.00		
Springvale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	5	68	40	9	3.00		
Southside	J. S. Canady, Wilmington	1	13	90	90	12	64.31	23.00	13.00
Salem	J. E. Robinson, Sneed's Ferry	1	3	25	20	12	3.75	5.20	
Teachey's	A. F. Bland, Teachey's	2	5	50	30	12		3.00	
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	7	85	65	12	10.00	20.00	
Wilmington	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington	1	25	215	165	12	147.50	41.75	
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard	1	3	30	20	12	4.00		
Wells Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	1				12			
		53	284	2602	1853		532.29	132.93	39.28

CHURCHES.	Woman's Missionary So.				B. Y. P. U.			Sun Beams.		
	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Expenses.
Bethel	..	1.89	95	95	...	....	....	....	....	..
Clinton	20.00	....	....	19.20	4.00	....	....	5.80	15.00	..
Corinth	1.29	2.14	3.80	3.10	..	3 13	....	....		
Lisbon	...	...	...	5.00	..	...	....	6.62		
Mt. Olive	6.00	....	12.34	4.14	....	...	....	...	....	..
Southside	....	...	....	....	...	....	....	3.00	....	..
Warsaw	12.25	....	7.75	18.65	....	....	....	..	....	..
Wilmington	11.33	..	11.34	11.33	...	....	275.00	1.18	5.00	..
	50.87	4.03	36.18	62.37	4.00	3.13	275.00	16.60	20.00	..

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Benj. Ward,	L. W. Boney,		

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership, assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said Committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12.—The Annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational charaeter, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a Chairman pro tem. shall be elected.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered and amended at any session of the Association, by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Reports of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. OLIVE, N. C., October 9, 1900.

The Eastern Association met in its Fifty-seventh Annual Session with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, at 11 a. m., Tuesday Oct. 9, 1900.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by R. H. Gilbert, South Carolina, Text: Col. 1:18. After the sermon a recess was taken for one hour.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 p. m. J. L. Stewart, Moderator of previous session, conducted devotional exercises by reading — Psalm. Benj. Ward led in prayer.

The Moderator then called the Association to order.

On motion by J. T. Albritton it was ordered that the Letters to this Association be read. Moderator appointed R. H. Herring and I. E. Ketchum, Reading Clerks.

On motion the Moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of brethren Maury Ward, W. J. Hollingsworth, and W. H. Murray.

Committee on Devotional Exercises: Pastor and Deacons of this church with C. C. Corbett.

The Roll of Churches was then called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Gaston Kelly.
Barlow Chapel—By Letter.
Bethel—J. E. Smith, Maury Ward.
Beulah—E. T. Britt, H. Odom, John Waters.
Boykin Chapel—W. W. Hobbs.
Berea—By Letter.
Bowden's—B. Letter.
Bear Marsh—W. H. Brown, Charlie Bird, R. J. Walker.
Bear Branch—
Bethlehem—By Letter.
Burgaw—By Letter.
Brooklyn—J. J. Payseur.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, O. P. Meeks.
Concord—J. C. Boone. W. J. Mathis.
Corinth—D. W. Fussell, L. F. Johnson, A. D. Rogers.
Colvin Creek—
Caintuck Chapel—By Letter.
Caswell—R. H. Hewlett.
Catherine Lake—N. A. Shelly.
Castle Hayne—
Cedar Grove—
Dobson Chapel—W. H. Murray, O. D. Bostick, Zack Jones.
Ebenezer—J. E. Highsmith.
Emma's Chapel—A. H. Hoffman, H. L. Cox.
Hallsville—W. J. Kennedy, R. Q. Sandlin.
Haw Bluff—By Letter.
Island Creek—J. H. Jones, B. R. Mallard, G. K. Duff.
Ivanhoe—C. C. Corbett, C. R. Corbett, J. F. Lewis.
Johnson's—J. A. Powell, W. H. Middleton.
Jacksonville—I. C. Ketchum.
Kenansville—Thad. Jones.
Long Creek—By Letter.

Lisbon—A. R. Herring.
Mt. Zion—By Letter.
Maple Hill—Benj. Ward.
Mary's Chapel—A. D. McGowen.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—W. J. Holingsworth, D. J. Johnson.
Mt. Gilead—H. B. Peterson, B. Matthews.
Mt. Olive—J. B. Oliver, J. H. Lofton, Z. K. Knowles.
Mt. Holly—W. T. Hodges, Bedford Moore.
Magnolia—H. M. Swinson, E. F. Southerland.
New Hope—C. E. Daniel.
Olive Branch—L. D. Boney.
Olivet—Leslie McAlister.
Piney Grove—J. A. Baker. J. C. Hines.
Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers.
Providence—J. H. Hildreth.
Rose Hill, (Duplin) —N. B. Haws. Pinkney Rich
Rose Hill, (Onslow)—By Letter.
Riley's Creek—By Letter.
Sharon—
Siloam—W. P. Ward, R D. Register.
Shiloh—By Letter.
Spring Vale—L. M. Sanderson.
Southside—L. A. Curtis, R. H. Herring.
Salem—B. Ward.
Teacheys—L. B. Boney.
Warsaw S. M. Carlton, S. A. Strickland, I Brown.
Well's Chapel—By Letter.
Wilmington—C. T. Hawes, R. M. Wescott, R. E. Blake.
Willard—W. F. Bowen, J. E. Johnson.

On motion the Letter from Berea was laid on the table.

By J. T. Albritton, a motion to modify the order to read the Letters so as to read the names of the delegates only. It was so ordered.

The Letters from Mt. Gilead and New Hope were laid on the table.

Moderator announced that it was in order for the election of officers for the ensuing year, whereupon, by motion of J. T. Albritton, the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for J. L. Stewart, Moderator.

On motion Moderator cast the vote of the Association for A. R Herring, Clerk; and W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

Third item in the Order of Business was postponed untill to morrow morning for Letters.

On motion of L. R. Carroll, Moderator appointed and announced the following Committees:

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—J. T. Albritton, R. H. Hewlett, W. H. Murray.
To Nominate Preacher for Next Session—W. W. Hobbs, J. A. Highsmith. Gaston Kelly.
To Nominate Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions—Charlie Corbett, R. Q. Sandlin, R. M. Wescott.
On Century Day Movement—J. T. Albritton, J. H. Hildreth, R. H. Gilbert.
On Requests—R. C. Sandlin, N. A. Shelly, W. H. Brown.
To Nominate Executive Committee—L. R. Carroll, O. P. Meeks, J. C. Boon.
State Missions—N. B. Cobb, B. Ward, B. Matthews.
Home Missions—R. H. Herring, L. M. Sanderson, I. E. Ketchum.

Foreign Missions—R. C. Sandlin, A. R. Herring, C. C. Corbett.
Orphanage—J. J. Adams, L. B. Boney, A. Johnson.
Ministerial Education—O. P. Meeks, S. A. Strickland, J. F. Lewis.
Ministerial Relief—C. E. Daniel, J. A. Powell, F. M. Southerland.
Periodicals—J T. Albritton, J. A. Baker J. H. Evans.
Sunday Schools—S. M. Carlton, Isaac Brown, H. B. Peterson.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reports as follows: Preaching to night by J. J. Adams, with permission to substitute; Prayer service to-morrow morning conducted by S. M. Carlton, 9 a. m.

Rev. J. T. Albritton read a paper on the Century Day Movement.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed by Moderator: J. W. Cobb in interest of N. C. Baptist; R. H. Gilbert, South Carolina—will take subscriptions for Biblical Recorder. Elmore, from South River Association.

NIGHT.

At the hour appointed for preaching by J. J. Adams, O. L. Stringfield, at the request of bro. Adams, spoke for the Baptist Female University, after which $139.93 was raised in cash and pledges, all of which was turned over to O. L. Stringfield.

SECOND DAY, Wednesday, Oct. 10.—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m., S. M. Carlton conducted prayer service. At 9:30 the Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll of Delegates called.

Letters from churches not represented the first day were handed in and the delegates named in them were enrolled.

The Minutes of previous day read and approved.

A. Johnston, from the Baptist Orphanage; N. B. Broughton, representing the Biblical Recorder; B. W. Spillman, S. S. Board; A. L. Betts; Raleigh; W. C. Newton and Mayor Peterson, Goldsboro; O. L. Stringfield, for Baptist Female University, were recognized and welcomed by Moderator.

Special Order: Report of Executive Committee together with report on State Missions. Report of Executive Committee was read by S. M Carlton, State Missions by Benj. Ward.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For the past year we have aided the following brethren: Benj. Ward, at Maple Hill, Olivet, Castle Haynes; N. A. Shelly, at Richlands, Catherine Lake, Rose Hill, Jacksonville; J. H. Hildreth, at Providence, Salem, Turkey Creek; J. J. Payseur, at Brooklyn, in the City of Wilmington. In connection with the State Board we have expended $425.00 on our Mission field the past year and baptized nearly 100 into the fellowship of our churches. Your committee asks for larger contributions to our State and Associational work.

S. M. CARLTON,
Chmn. Ex. Com.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

That State Missions is an important part of our work is evident by reason of the existing conditions and the work being done. In eastern North Carolina are many places in which the Gospel as preached by Bap-

tists is very little known. Western North Carolina calls loudly for help in developing the churches already there. The rapid increase of centres of industrial enterprises of the State presents a field for State Mission operations. The large force of volunteer missionaries have done a good work. Our work is now conducted on a basis of $20.000 per year. We must all do our best that there be no backward step, but always a forward movement.

The reports were spoken to by B. Ward, B. W. Spillman. At this juncture, aid to build a house of worship for the Antioch Church was asked by Gaston Kelly. Further remarks by L. R. Carroll, O. P. Meeks, J. J. Adams, J. A. Powell, N. A. Shelly, J. H. Hildreth, L. B. Boney. On motion the matter of aid to Antioch Church was referred to Executive Committee. The reports were then adopted.

J. J. Adams submitted and read letter and report of the Woman's Missionary Society. On motion J. T. Albritton, said report is to have place in the Minutes.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS.

To the Eastern Association:—It is with great pleasure that the Woman's Central Committee of Missions reports to your body the most successful year in its history. For some time past it has been our custom to take an aim and motto for the year, and to bend our energies towards fulfilling these. In 1899 the Woman's Missionary Societies of North Carolina determined to endeavor to raise $7,500. When we gathered in our Annual Meeting, last December, we were greatly gratified to find that we had far overshot our mark, and instead of $7.500 reported more than $8.700. Encouraged by this, the Societies have taken for their aim in 1900 the raising of $9,500 for Foreign, Home, and State Missions. Our motto for the year is, Increase in Faitb, Knowledge and Works. To reach our aim and fulfill our motto we are urging upon all our Societies Bible study, the reading of mission books, and increase in liberality. We have every reason to believe that the close of the Nineteenth Century will see this work far in advance of what we would have dared to hope for ten years ago. We desire to thank those brethren who have co-operated with us in making the Woman's Missionary work of North Carolina what it is, and would respectfully ask the aid of all interested in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom through mission efforts.

Lisbon--S. B.	9.62	Southside, Wilmington	14.68
Mt. Olive	6.04	Southside--Willing Workers	36,56
Kenansville	13.02	Corinth	8.28
Clinton	40.35	Girls Band -Wilmington	5.00
Elizabeth	1.36	Sunday School--Warsaw	11.31
Kenansville--S. B.	8.53	Lisbon	5.00
Clinton--S. B.	20.80	Johnson's	13.76
Warsaw	26.10		
Wilmington	42.31		262.72

Of the 61 churches of your Association the above 15 reported this year through the Woman's Central Committee. If there are other churches in the Association desiring to organize Mission Societies we will gladly send them Constitutions of Woman's and Children's Bands free of charge. Apply to MISS FANNIE E. S. HECK, Raleigh, N. C.

Report on the Orphanage was submitted and read by J. J. Adams.

Announcement--The Mission Societies will meet in the Presbyterian church at 2:30 p. m.

The Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION--WEDNESDAY--SECOND DAY.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30.

On motion, S. M. Carlton, the Finance Committee was ordered to pay all money in their hands to the Treasurer, and that he pay the same to the several objects as designated in the Letters

Committee on Devotional Exercises report, That A. L. Betts preach to-night at the Presbyterian church, and W. C. Newton preach the Missionary Sermon in this church at the same hour; and they recommend that a cash collection be taken at each church, after the sermon, to aid the Antioch Church to build, the same to be turned over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, to be held by him as a building fund to be used as the Committee may adjudge best.

Leave of absence granted J. F. Lewis, C. E. Daniel, R. H. Hewlett.

Letter from Rose Hill (Duplin), asking for membership, was read by J. H. Hildreth. On motion Moderator appointed J. T. Albritton, J. J. Adams, B. Matthews, a Committee of investigation to whom the said Letter was referred.

D. L. Gore, in accordance with the order of the last Association, tendered to the Association the note and mortgage securing the debt incurred for building the church house at Jacksonville, said note and mortgage being marked "Paid." Whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk receive and receipt D. L. Gore for the note and mortgage, and turn over the same to the Trustees of the Church at Jacksonville.

REPORT BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage never enjoyed greater prosperity than at the present time. There are 190 children under its care and we are glad to report them making excellent progress. The current fund for the past year was the largest in its history and the work was never so well organized as it is to-day. But the wider the work of the Orphanage, the greater must be its needs. The supreme need of the institution just now is more room for the accommodation of those clamoring for admittance, as needy and as worthy as those who are already there. One of the buildings--the Biggs--is shortly to be enlarged, and thus room will be made for at least ten more girls; but a new and large dormitory should be built at once, a building that will accommodate thirty children can be completed at a cost of $2,500. The Mills Memorial Machine Shop is in process of erection, and it is hoped that it will be completed within the year. The Orphanage property is worth $30.000. The farm is producing a good dividend and is a great factor in the training of the boys. The printing office opens another avenue of usefulnesa to boys, and many of those trained here are holding good positions in many sections of the State. The paper, "Charity and Children," turned a thousand dollars into the treasury last year after its expenses were paid, and the prospect is better for this year's work. We commend to our Sunday Schools the plan of taking one collection each month for the Orphanage, and call attention to the favorable terms upon which the paper may be obtained in clubs of ten or more. We urge that our churches increase their contributions to this worthy object of our love and care in the year to come, in view of the greater work before the institution.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

The report was spoken to by A. Johnson. At the close of the address N. B. Broughton was asked to take collection for the Orphanage,

which he proceeded to do, to the amount of $23.16, which was paid to A. Johnson. The report was then adopted.

J. T. Albritton, for Committee on Requests, made a verbal report to the effect that the investigation was satisfactory and recommended that Rose Hill Church (Duplin), be admitted into membership. The report was adopted and the delegates named in Church Letter enrolled.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by C. E. Daniel.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

We are glad to report progress in this department of the Master's work. Last year the churches contributed $2,000 to this object, which amount was judiciously distributed among the 17 beneficiaries now aided by our Board. We are informed by the Secretary of the Board that many faithful servants of Christ in the State are sadly neglected. We recommend that each church appoint one active member to look after this worthy object, and at least two offerings a year be made for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DANIEL,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
J. A. POWELL, Committee.

Report on Periodicals was submitted and read by J. T. Albritton.

Final leave of absence was given to J. H. Hildreth, Benj. Ward, O. Meeks, W. B. Hawes, and Gaston Kelly.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There never has been greater necessity for the dissemination and study of wholesome religious literature than that which is upon us to-day. Nor has such literature ever been hitherto so abundant. Nothing surpasses it in copiousness except it be unwholesome literature. The story has been published that when Benjamin Franklin, the printer and lightning-tamer, sought the consent of his prospective mother-in-law to marry her daughter, that practical woman, having an eye to the lard stand and meal barrel, raised the objection that there were already two presses in America and that she had serious fears of the country's ability to support so many as three presses at one time. America has, however, survived the strain of supporting three presses, and is to day supporting thousands of others of far greater capacity, which are flooding the land with all sorts of literature. Paul wrote prophetically, when he wrote to Timothy about "doctrines of devils." Political, religious, and so-called scientific devils have in modern times multiplied almost as rapidly as Irish-potato bugs. We can kill the bugs with Paris Green, and stop their ravages, but we can't kill the "divers devils," nor stop the spreading of their divers, devilish doctrines, which are finding their way into the homes of the country, and alienating neighbor from neighbor, and man from his Maker. How important, therefore, is the circulation of pure, wholesome, religious literature to the home-life and society at large.

Baptists should, by all means, have in their homes a good supply of denominational literature. We can get the "Biblical Recorded," for $1.50; the "Carolina Baptist," for $1.00; "Charity and Children," for $1.00; "Foreign Mission Journal," in clubs of ten, for 25 cents; and the "Home Field," for 10 cents. All these good papers may be had for a whole year for the sum of $3.85. It is impossible for a Baptist to read carefully these papers from week to week without being informed about Baptist faith and affairs throughout the world. We therefore would urge upon the brethren the advantage of taking their denominational papers, and paying for them in advance Thus avoiding the affliction of

being haunted throughout the year by the grim spectors of unpaid subscription bills. We desire to commend to the brethren the Sunday School periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are cheap, and the very best in the world for our Sunday Schools. We close this report by recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association heartily commend the courage, ability, and Christian temper that characterized the editorials of bro. Bailey, editor of the "Biblical Recorder," written in the interest of law, order, society, peace and good-will among the citizens of our beloved State.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
JAMES A. BAKER,
J. H. EVANS.

Pending its adoption the Association was addressed by N. B. Broughton and J. W. Cobb. The report was adopted.

Committee to Nominate an Executive Committee reported recommending. S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murray, D. L. Gore, C. E. Daniel, and L. Middleton. The report as submitted was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was submitted and read by O. P. Meeks.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In order to grapple with the great problems that confront us in the dawn of the 20th Century, we need more emphatically than ever a fully equipped ministry. To meet this urgent demand for thorough instructed men, we must strain every nerve to support and endow Wake Forest College, and to establish thorough Academies about over our State as feeders for that College. We should also contribute more liberally to the Ministerial Aid Fund that our Educational Board loans to worthy students.

O. P. MEEKS,
J. W. COBB,
J. F. LEWIS.

The report was spoken to by N. B. Broughton, O. P. Meeks, and R. H. Gilbert. The report was adopted.

The Committee to nominate preachers for nezt session report:

Introductory Sermon—Dr. N. B. Cobb.
Missionary Sermon—Dr. C. S. Blackwell.

The report as made was adopted.

Report of Committee to revise Trustees Warsaw High School recommends as the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. L. Stewart, DeLeon Carlton, Dr. W. P. Kennedy, S. A. Strickland, F. M. Carroll, S. M. Carlton.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Century Day Movement made a verbal report in substance to this effect: That considering the fact that C. S Blackwell, who has chief charge of the movement in this Association. and the majority of the brethren, in fact almost all who were expected to take a prominent part as speakers in the program at this session, are not present and in-as-much as it appears to the Committee that it would be unwise to attempt to carry out the program at this session to the evident displacement of other matters of importance. unless the matter had promise of full success, it seemed good to the Committee that such attempt be abandoned, and they so recommend.

The report on motion was accepted and the Committee relieved of further responsibility.

Prayer service to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

L. M. Sanderson, E. T. Britt, H. Odom, I. E. Ketchum were excused for the session.

The Association adjourned with the Benediction by R. H. Gilbert.

NIGHT

W. C. Newton preached Missionary Sermon, Text, 1st Timothy 2:4: "Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." At the close of the sermon $10.71 in cash was raised to aid the Antioch church to build. The money was paid to S. M. Carlton, Chairman Executive Committee, as was ordered by the Association.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION—Thursday, Oct. 1900.

At 9 a. m. devotional exercises were conducted by L. M. Sanderson.

Moderator called the Association to order. On motion the roll call was dispensed with. The Minutes were read and approved.

Report on Sunday Schools was presented and read by S. M. Carlton.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Statistics show that about two-thirds of our churches are the outgrowth of Sunday Schools, and about 85 per cent. of our membership came to us through the Sunday Schools. This but convinces us of the great importance of the Sunday School work as foundation work. And we do insist that the most consecrated and intelligent brethren and sisters be employed in teaching in our Sunday Schools. If the children be taught Bible principles and doctrines they will become liberal supporters of the churches when they are brought within its pales. We recommend that our churches take one collection a year for our State Sunday School work. And that all of our Sunday Schools give one collection a month to the support of our Thomasville Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. CARLTON,
I. BROWN,
S. A. STRICKLAND,
Committee.

Pending the adoption, speeches were by N. B. Broughton, J. J. Adams, Rev. Jerney of the Methodist Church. The report was adopted.

Upon the coming in of the Treasurer's Report, on motion of R. C. Sandlin it was ordered that this report be referred to the Finance Committee and that they audit the same.

Report on Home Mission was submitted and read by R. H. Herring.

REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

It is not fulfilling the command to give the Gospel to our own State and stop. Nor have we done all when we send it to China, Africa, Brazil, and all the heathen lands, but it must go to every creature. So it has been found necessary in our plan of prosecuting mission work to have what we call the Home Board. It affords us an opportunity to help our brethren in States where our cause is weak, to give the Gospel to the Indians in our bounds, to assist our colored people, and to reach the foreign population in some of our great cities. It has given us a glorious highway into Cuba, along which we are carrying the testimony of our Lord and Saviour: the truth that makes men free politically, socially, and religiously. The Home Board is doing work along educational lines even in our own great Baptist State. It is helping us to maintain schools to give our preachers a chance to fit themselves for the preaching of the Gospel. It is doing a large and growing work in all our Southland

and in Cuba, and is filling a sphere that we have no other means of doing. It gives us an extra means of growth and development along the lines of giving, in which we are sadly lacking as yet. We urge its more liberal support by our pastors and all the brotherhood.

R. H. HERRING,
I. E. KETCHUM,
L. M. SANDERSON.
Committee.

R. H. Herring and L. R. Carroll spoke to the report. It was adopted.

Report of Isaiah Carroll, former Treasurer, which was referred to Finance Committee to audit the same, is as follows:

Received for State Missions		178.63
Home Missions		73.56
Foreign Missions		69.54
Gospel Missions		8.00
Minister's Relief		52.63
Ministerial Education		46.47
Orphanage		83.38
Minute Fund		42.52
Jacksonville Church		9.50
Poor		1.12
Churches not designated		37.16
Cash brought over from last year		6.79
Total		609.30
Paid out as per Vouchers exhibited	605 96	
Balance in Treasury		3 34

We your Committee to audit the Treasurer's account find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. MURRAY,
MAURY WARD.
Committee.

Report of Finance Committee was submitted with Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the following amounts were sent with the Church Letters to this session and came into the hands of this Committee:

State Missons	180.73
Home Missions	79.70
Foreign Missions	67.62
Ministerial Education	38.41
Orphanage	68.92
Gospel Missions	10.32
Sunday Schools	2.76
Baptist Female University	52
Minute Fund	45.08
Total	540.85

W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH,
W. H. MURRAY,
MAURY WARD,
Finance Committee.

The Reports as submitted were adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was presented and read by R. C. Sandlin:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Lord in His great commission to His disciples said "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature", with the assur-

ance that he was with them to the uttermost parts of the earth. Now, in accordance to this command, we have in foreign fields a number of brethren and sisters who are spending their time in leading the heathen to the blessed Jesus. We have of late felt very great anxiety for our missionaries because of the war in China, and have learned through them that their work has been somewhat impeeded. but bros. Bryan and Green both write that they believe and hope that the trouble there will be the means of opening wider the door in China for the Gospel of our Savior.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to do more for Foreign Missions this year than we have ever done before.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. SANDLIN,
For Committee.

Short speeches were made to the report by R. C. Sandlin, A. L. Betts. J. J. Adams, L. R. Carroll. The Report was adopted.

On motion Roll of Churches was called and pledges taken for Home. Foreign, and State Missions, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Relief. and Orphanage, which will appear in table.

Committee on requests reported in favor of Mt. Gilead as the place for holding our next session. On motion the report was adopted and Mt. Gilead is named as the place for our next meeting.

On motion A. R. Herring, the Clerk, is ordered to have a suitable number of Minutes printed, and be paid for his services and distributing the same, $20.00 out of the Minute fund.

J. J. Adams offered a resolution of thanks, as follows, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the bountiful hospitality so generously given by our brethren of Mt. Olive Church, by pastor and people of other churches, and the good people generally; and by the Presbyterian brethren for the use of their Church house.

The work of the Association done the Congregation engaged in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The Association adjourned with the benediction by J. T. Albritton, to meet with the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Sampson County, on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, 1901.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan'e.	Ministe'l Education	Minister's Relief.	Gospel Mission.	TOTAL
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Barlow's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Bethel	14.00	3 00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	....	31.00
Beulah	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	10.00
Boykin's Chapel	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1 00	....	6.00
Berea	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	..	7.00
Bowden's	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Bear Marsh	4.50	2.00	3.50	4.00	1.50	....	....	15.50
Bethlehem	8.00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	8.00
Burgaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Brooklyn	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Clinton	15.00	5.00	5.00	.....	....	....	....	25.00
Concord	3.00	2.00	.....	3.00	1.00	2.00	....	11.00
Corinth	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Colvin's Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Caintuck Cyapel	5.00	3.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	....	39.00
Caswell	7.00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	7.00
Catherine Lake	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	....	....	10.00
Castle Haynes	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Cedar Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Dobson's Chapel	15.00	6.00	6.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	....	34 50
Ebenezer	2 00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	....	6.00
Emma's Chapel	2 00	2.00	2 00	1 00	2.00	2.00	....	11.00
Hallsville	5.00	4 00	4.00	4.00	....	2.00	....	19.00
Haw Bluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Island Creek	15.00	10.00	8.00	5 00	3.00	5.00	...	46.00
Ivanhoe	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	....	24.00
Johnson's	15.00	5.00	10 00	5.00	2.00	2.00	...	39.00
Jacksonville	.....	.....	10.00	.....	....	....	....	10 00
Kenansville	5 00	5.00	.....	2.50	2.00	1 00	....	15.50
Long Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Lisbon	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3 00	2.00	....	40.00
Mt. Zion	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Maple Hill	2.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	....	1.00	....	7.50
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Masonboro	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	....	12 00
Moore's Creek	4.00	.....	1.00	2.00	....	1 00	....	8.00
Mt. Gilead	2.00	5.00	.....	2.00	2.00	1.00	20.00	32.00
Mt. Olive	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	....	35.00
Mt. Holly	2.00	1.00	2.00	....	....	....	....	5.00
Magnolia	15.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	....	31.00
New Hope	15.00	3.00	.....	15.00	3.00	3.00	30.00	69.00
Olive Branch	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	....	5.00
Olivet	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	....	....	....	2.00
Piney Grove	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	....	....	....	25.00
Poplar Grove	3.00	2.50	.....	.....	....	....	10.00	15.50
Providence	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	....	7.00
Rose Hill—Onslow	1.00	.....	1.00	1 00	....	....	....	3.00
Rose Hill—Duplin	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	50	....	....	4.50
Riley's Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Sharon	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Siloam	5.00	2.00	2 00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	13.00
Shiloh	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Springvale	2.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	8.50
Southside	40.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	....	5.00	....	100.00
Salem	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	....	1.00	....	11.00
Teachey's	2.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	....	12.50
Warsaw	25.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	2.50	2 00	....	59.50
Well's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....
Wilmington	100 00	37.50	37.50	50 00	...	5.00	....	230.00
Willard	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	9.00
	400.50	165.50	200.00	186.00	49.50	58.00	60.00	1119.50

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Jacksonville Debt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements	Other Church Expenses.	Bap. Female University.	Totals.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	25.00
Barlow Chapel	5.00	2.50	10.50	.....	5 00	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	120.00	.....	.....	.....	149.00	.....	1,000.00
Bethel	15.00	5.00	5.00	.....	5.00	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	75	75.00	.....	.....	.....	111.70	.....	.....
Beulah	5.50	1.50	1.50	.....	1.50	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	.....	66	75.00	60.00	.....	.....	148.66	.....	.....
Boykins Chapel	3.00	1.00	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	83.00	.....	.....
Berea	2.50	2.00	1.00	.....	2.50	1.00	1 00	...	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.10	.....	.....
Bowdens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Marsh	4.00	2.50	3.00	1.07	4.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	95.57	.....	.....
Bethlehem	4.00	66	4.00	7.00	3.00	...	1.00	....	.....	.....	1.25	100.00	.....	60.00	....	180.91	.....	600.00
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw	5.11	5.00	.....	25.00	5.10	2.00	3.14	....	.....	....	1.00	136.00	30.00	5.00	....	217.35	.....	1 400.00
Brooklyn	75.00	5.00	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	....	31 98	....	1.00	75 00	4800.00	75.00	....	5757.98	.....	6.500.00
Clinton	17.00	5.00	6.50	7.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	45 00	....	94.00	.....	1.500.00
Concord	8.00	2.00	86	10.95	2.00	1.00	2.00	....	.....	2.80	1.00	72.00	.....	1.75	....	104 36	... ..	500 00
Corinth	10.00	8.00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	75	125.00	.....	.....	.....	151 75	.....	750.00
Colvins Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caintuck Chapel	5.00	3 00	20.00	1.30	4,25	3.00	4 25	....	10.00	1.26	1.00	125 00	10.00	.....	.....	188.06	....	310.00
Caswell	3 56	.....	2.41	1.00	2.56	.....	1.50	....	50	.....	50	100.00	.....	.....	.....	112.03	9.00	800 00
Catherine Lake	4.25	.....	1.00	.....	1.25	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	25	25.00	.....	.....	.....	31.75	... .	700.00
Castle Haynes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dobsons Chapel	15.00	6.00	6.00	.....	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.00	.....	.....	30	100.00	.....	13.00	....	148.80	.....	400.00
Ebenezer	2.81	.....	55	.....	1 75	.....	2.05	....	.....	.....	52	48.00	.....	... ..	....	55.67	.....	200.00
Emmas Chapel	3.58	1.00	1.00	1.00	7.87	.....	2.07	....	.....	.....	1.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....	67.52	.....	600 00
Hallsville	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.50	.....	1.00	....	.....	4.00	1.25	60.00	.....	.....	.....	78.25	.....	400.00
Haw Bluff	5.00	1.00	2.91	....	3.57	.....	1.00	....	.....	3.26	75	60.00	3.85	4.29	52	86.15	25.00	400.00
Island Creek	16.00	11.00	9 00	.....	6.00	3.00	5.00	....	.....	.....	1.50	100 00	.....	15.00	....	166 50	.....	600.00

Ivanhoe	12.64	2.75	7.25	.....	15.25	2.25	3.45	....	.....	.....	1.30	75.00	.....	.....	....	110.89	.....	500.00
Johnsons	18.27	7.05	12.03	1.64	14.44	2.00	5.10	....	25.00	23.40	1 50	125.00	.....	.....	....	235.43	.....	1,000.00
Jacksonville	7.44	3.00	.....	.....	6.06	.....	1.50	....	.....	.....	50	71.68	.....	10.66	....	100.84	.....	1.400 00
Kenansville	10.00	3.00	8.00	.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	....	.....	.....	....	125.00	.....	12.00	....	162.00	.....	1,000.00
Long Creek	2.00	.....	.....	5.75	50	.....	.....	....	1.75	.....	25	75.00	.....	.....	....	85.25	.....	400.00
Lisbon	20.00	9.24	11.82	13.70	11.76	2.00	2.04	....	20.00	.....	1.20	125.00	20,00	.....	....	236.76	.....	800.00
Mt. Zion	3.04	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	3.84	.....	.....
Maple Hill	5.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	....	.....	.....	25	30.00	200 00	.....	....	237.25	.....	250.00
Mary's Chapel	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	.....	1 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	5.00	.....	500.00
Masonboro	5.60	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	....	10.00	.....	95	100.00	.....	10.00	....	138.55	.....	500.00
Moore's Creek	4.00	1.50	3.50	1.50	3.00	1,00	1.50	....	.....	.....	50	100.00	2.00	.....	....	118.50	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	2.00	2.00	2.00	20.00	2.00	2.57	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	30.57	.....	800.00
Mt, Olive	3.00	2.55	17.14	.....	2.50	2.55	2.50	....	....	2.50	1.50	.. ...	.....	25.00	....	59.24	....	750.00
Mt. Holly	2.65	1.00	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	....	8.65		500.00
Magnolia	15.00	5.52	9.60	.....	2.09	1.00	1.00	....	.....	.....	1.50	125.00	200.00	15.00	....	375.11	....	1,000.00
New Hope	15.00	3.00	.....	30.00	38.95	3.00	3.91	2.00	8.35	.....	1.00	100,00	.....	.....	....	205.21	.....	300.00
Olive Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	4.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	50	40.00	.....	.....	....	44.75	.. ..	450.00
Piney Grove	2.00	94	2.00	10.56	2.00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1.00	75.00	45.00	.....	....	138.50	.....	350.00
Poplar Grove	4.00	2.25	.....	14.08	2.75	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	....	23.88	... .	350.00
Providence	3.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	50	1.00	....	.....	.....	50	80.00	30.00	.....	....	118,00	.....	350.00
RoseHill-Onslow	1.50	.....	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	25	30.15	.....	.....	....	33.15	.....	140.00
Rose Hill-Duplin	....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	....	1.60	.....	.....
Rileys Creek	4.00	2.00	.....	2.00	7.18	1.00	1.00	....	.....	.....	75	100.00	35.00	.....	....	152.93	.....	600.00
Sharon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Siloam	5 00	2.00	2.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	.	.....	1.00	100.00	.....	.....	....	114.00	.....	1 000.00
Shiloh	3.73	64	41	20.00	2.50	.....	96	....	1 00	. ...	50	75.00	.....	32.36	....	137.10	.. ..	200.00
Springvale	2.50	2.00	1.50	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	.....	.....	60	60 00	.....	.....	....	70.10	....	600.00
Southside	40.00	25.28	25 25	.....	22.00	5.00	5.00	....	17.50	221.54	1.75	337.85	3.05	133.35	....	857.57	750.00	1,800.00
Salem	2.00	1.71	4.00	.	.....	.....	.....	....	5.00	.....	...	70.00	.....	.....	....	82.71	.....	.....
Teacheys	2.50	2.00	.....	8.00	3.50	1.00	1.00	....	..	.	1.00	100.00	.....	10.00	....	129.00	.....	1,000.00
Warsaw	36.27	7.96	13.08	.....	8.00	5.00	2.00	....	.....	.....	1.50	125.00	.....	.....	....	198.81	.. ..	1,500.00
Well's Chapel	5.00	.....	.....	462.70	6.63	50	5.48	....	4.65	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	....	485.63	.....	.....
Wilmington	100.00	37.50	37.50	59.35	50.00	120.75	5.00	....	236.05	150.00	4.00	1500.00	82.16	612.24	...	2994.55	500.00	40,000.00
Willard	2.00	2 00	1.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.. ..	.....	1.00	75.00	.....	7.50	...	93.50	.....	800.00
	555.70	194.85	252.71	717.60	287.71	186.12	91.45	6.00	501.78	418.76	45.45	6090.68	5521.06	1087.15	52	15857.54		

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING
Antioch		Gaston Kelly, Branch's Store	
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point	4th Sunday and night before.
Bethel	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	Maury Ward, Joeford	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. D. Larkins, Keenansville	J. L. Britt, Turkey	3d Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel		L. M. Boykin, Clinton	
Berea	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	Joe. Brooks, Wallace	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bowden's			
Bear Branch			
Bear Marsh	W. L. Bilbro, Ayden	W. J. Walker, Mt. Olive	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Bethlehem	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. C. Keith, Keith's	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Hocut, Ashton	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Brooklyn	J. J. Payseur, Wilmington	A. W. Allen, Wilmington	Twice every Sunday.
Clinton		J. A. Sikes, Clinton	
Concord	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store.	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Corinth	J. B. Harrell, Franklinton	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	3d Sabbath.
Colvin's Creek			
Caintuck Chapel	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. L. Watson, Point Caswell.	4th Sabbath and Saturday before.
Catherine Lake	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	John Marshburn, Catherine Lake.	Twice every 4th Sabbath.
Castle Haynes			
Cedar Grove			
Dobson's Chapel	J. H. Hildreth Wilmington	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Ebenezer	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	R. Highsmith, Coharrie	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Emma's Chapel	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	A. H. Huffman, Richlands	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Hallsville	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Haw Bluff	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	L. C. Boswell, Colly	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Island Creek	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Ivanhoe	F. S. Wooten. Salemburg	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe	4th Sabbath and Saturday before.

Johnsons		L. Middleton, Warsaw	
Jacksonville	N. A. Shelly. Catherine Lake	R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	3d Sunday.
Kenansville		Jno. A. Gwin, Keenansville	4th Sunday.
Long Creek	A. J. Taylor, Chinquepin	L. T. Johnson, Daughton.	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Lisbon	J. J. Adams, Clinton	W. B. Lamb, Ingold	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Mt. Zion		Harvey Devane, Kerrs	
Maple Hill	B. Ward, Marines	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill	3d Sabbath and night before.
Marys Chapel	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville	G, G. Best, Kenansville	1st Sunday.
Masonboro		Add Hewlett, Wilmington	
Moore's Creek	E. J. Edwards, Southport	F. B. Orr, Currie	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Mt. Gilead		B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	4th Sabbath and Saturday before.
Mt. Olive	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	H. J. Williamson, Mt. Olive	4th Sabbath.
Mt. Holly		I Carroll, South Washington	
Magnolia	J. B. Harrell, Magnolia	H. M Sumson, Magnolia	4th Sabbath and Saturday before.
New Hope	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville	G. W. Carroll, Six Runs	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Olive Branch			
Olivet	B. Ward, Marines	E. K. Walker, Rocky Point	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Piney Grove	J J. Adams, Clinton	E. L. King, Clinton	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Poplar Grove		W. D. Stevens, Faisons	
Providence	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	H. Bethear, Holly Ridge	2d Sunday.
RoseHill--Onslow	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	4th Sabbath evening.
Rose Hill--Duplin		W. P. Savage, Rose Hill	
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Maher, Rocky Point	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Sharon			
Siloam	F. T. Wooten, Salemburg	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Shiloh	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	3d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Springvale	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Southside	R. H. Herring, Wilmington	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Salem	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	E. T. Capp, Sneeds Ferry	3d Sunday and night.
Teachey's	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	B. P. Teachey, Teacheys	2d Sunday,
Warsaw		H. G. Owen, Warsaw	2d Sunday.
Well's Chapel	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	L. D. Highsmith, Bland	2d Sabbath and Saturday before.
Wilmington	C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington	E. S. Lathrop, Wilmington	Twice every Sunday.
Willard	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	W. F. Bowen, Willard	4th Sabbath and Saturday before.

DENOMINATIONAL STATICTS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.		
Antioch	....	5	....	....	....	....	3	2	5		
Barlow Chapel	....	....	1	7	....	8	30	47	77		
Bethel	....	....	....	1	....	4	46	72	118		
Beulah	....	3	....	3	....	....	51	72	123		
Boykins Chapel	....	....	....	..	3	....	32	43	75		
Berea	1	....	....	1	....	1	38	39	77		
Bowdens											
Bear Marsh	....	1	....	2	2	...	40	74	144	J. T. Albritton.	
Bethlehem	....	1	....	1	....	1	59	82	171		
Bear Branch											
Burgaw	8	8	....	....	....	....	53	52	105		
Brooklyn	....	11	34	....	3	4	53	79	132	J. J. Payseur. J. H. Hildreth.	
Clinton	8	7	....	1	2	5	92	130	222	J. L. Stewart, O. P. Meeks, J. J. Adams, J. J. [Douglas.	L. M. Hobbs.
Concord	....	....	....	....	....	2	27	37	64		
Corinth	....	10	....	...	2	14	83	90	173	A. J. Taylor.	
Colvins Creek											
Caintuck Chapel	1	2	....	....	1	4	65	82	147		
Caswell	2	3	....	....	....	3	32	61	93		
Catherine Lake	....	1	....	....	....	3	4	19	23	N. A. Shelly.	
Castle Haynes											
Cedar Grove											
Dobsons Chapel	3	...	....	....	....	....	50	56	106		
Ebenezer	....	....	....	1	....	....	25	22	47		
Emmas Chapel	....	4	1	1	1	1	21	40	61		
Hallsville	11	1	1	....	2	3	39	84	123	....	D. W. Benton.
Haw Bluff	6	5	3	....	....	2	52	68	120		
Island Creek	1	4	1	1	2	9	76	122	198		

Ivanhoe		48				2	32	46	78			
Johnsons		1		3		1	67	82	149	W. L. Bilbro.		
Jacksonville					1		24	20	44			
Kenansville	1	4			1		31	58	89	J. D. Larkins.		
Long Creek	3		8			1	46	58	104			
Lisbon	1				1	1	53	48	101			
Mt. Zion							18	22	40			
Maple Hill							13	16	29			
Mary's Chapel					3	4	17	30	47	J. H. Dobson.		
Masonboro				1	3	1	35	66	101	R. H. Hewlett.		
Moore's Creek	1	6		1	1		29	38	67			
Mt. Gilead		3		3			60	103	163			
Mt. Olive	1			1			64	98	162			
Mt. Holly					1	5	37	66	103			
Magnolia		3		2	4	8	49	104	153			
New Hope		7			1	1	100	117	217			
Olive Branch												
Olivet	3			1		3	18	30	48			
Piney Grove	4	1	1	3	2	6	48	76	124	R. C. Sandlin.	J. A. Baker.	
Poplar Grove				6		6	35	49	84			
Providence		4				1	23	42	65			
RoseHill-Onslow												
Rose Hill-Duplin	2		1				6	11	17			
Riley's Creek				1	2	3	89	102	191		Chas. R. Taylor.	
Sharon												
Siloam	1	1			2	4	57	63	120	W. A. Melvin.		
Shiloh			1	6	1	52	51	84	135			
Springvale		2		2		1	40	59	99			
Southside	8	17	1	4	3	6	61	113	174	R. H. Herring.		
Salem	9	2			6	5	37	40	77	B. Ward.		
Teachey's				5		1	47	58	105	L. B. Boney		Francis Savage.
Warsaw			2		2	10	70	120	190	L R. Carroll		
Well's Chapel		2				3	96	115	211			
Wilmington	35	29	1	2	1	31	159	293	452	C. S. Blackwell, J. E. King		J. R. Marshall.
Willard					1		34	50	84	L. Brown.		

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Schools.	ENROLLMENT.			No. Months Open.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		
			No Teachers and Officers.	No Pupils.	Average Attendance.		Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.
Antioch									
Barlow's Chapel	James Anderson, Sloop Point	1	5	41	30	12	5.00		
Bethel	W. J. Fryar, Taylor's Bridge	1	10	50	20	12			
Beulah	J. S. Britt, Turkey	1	4	30	25	....	.....	1.30	1.20
Boykin's Chapel									
Berea	T. W. Staliings, Wallace	1	3	27	20				
Bowden's									
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive	1	5	60	35	12	6.00		
Bethlehem	W. N. Anderson, Birta	1	7	59	28	10			
Bear Branch									
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	1	4	40	20	....	6 00		
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougal, Wilmington	1	18	135	123	12	108 02	11 94	7.47
Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton	1	13	120	80	12	20.00		
Concord	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells	1	3	11	.....	12			
Corinth	D. W. Fussell, Rose Hill.								
Colvin's Creek									
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore	1	6	54	28	12	4.80		
Caswell	W. Malpass, Point Caswell	1	5	39	24	12	3.70	46	
Catherine Lake	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake	1	8	40	50	12			
Castle Haynes									
Cedar Grove									
Dobson's Chapel	C. J. Bradshaw, Xenia	1	3	43	23	12	2.20	6.00	
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith, Coharie	1	4	34	15	12	7.76		
Emma's Chapel	A. H. Huffman, Richlands	1	8	79	43	12	10 00	1 00	50
Hallsville	O. W. Scott, Hallsville	1	4	44	20	12	2.00		
Haw Bluff									

Island Creek									
Ivanhoe	J. F. Lewis, Ivanhoe	1	3	20	.....	12	3 75		
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	1	4	45	27	12	10 57	14.77	4.57
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey, Jacksonville	1	7	45	28	12	28 95		
Kenansville	L. A. Beasley, Kenansville	1	8	46	30	12	5.00		
Long Creek	J. F. Herring, Daughton	1	4	40	30	8	4.00		
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Tomahawk	1	7	56	29	12	5.80	72	2.92
Mt. Zion									
Maple Hill									
Mary's Chapel									
Masonboro	B. S. Mumford, Wilmington	1	8	85	42	12	15.00	15.00	
Moore's Creek	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie	1	5	30	.....	....	3.00	3 00	4 00
Mt. Gilead	June Bell, Arcot	1	3	40	30	12			
Mt. Olive	O. E. Franklin, Mt. Olive	1	11	86	58	12	15.00		
Mt. Holly	I. Carroll, South Washington	1	6	36	30				
Magnolia	F. H. Arthur, Magnolia	1	5	60	40	12	12.00	12.00	
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, Turkey	2	8	120	.....	....	15.00		
Olive Branch									
Olivet	T. C. Shepard, Rocky Point	1	8	30	20	12	10.00		
Piney Grove	S. H. Hare, Keener	1	5	50	38	12	4.50		
Poplar Grove	H. B. Hatcher, Faison	1	5	22	20	8	1.80	1.00	
Providence	J. F. Jones, Holly Ridge	1	5	36	25	12			
Rose Hill—Onslow	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	2	7	59	42	12	6.00		
Rose Hill—Duplin									
Riley's Creek	M. L. Guyton, Rocky Point	1	6	35	30	12	4.00		
Sharon									
Siloam									
Shiloh	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek	1	3	35	30	12	4.00		
Springvale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	4	54	40	9			
Southside	J. S. Canady, Wilmington	1	14	90	90	12	59.69	30.00	1.80
Salem		1	5	20					
Teachey's	A. F. Bland, Teacheys	1	5	35	30	12	10.00		
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	8	95	75	12	40.00	25.00	12.00
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrells Store	1	....	.....	.....	12			
Wilmington	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington	2	20	380	220	12	150.20	40.46	20.00
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard	1	3	30	20	12	10.00	... ..	2.00

CHURCHES.	WOMANS MISS'Y SOCIETY.					B. Y. P. U.			SUN BEAM.	
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Missions.	Expenses.	Building Fund.	Missions.	Orphanage.
Brooklyn	....	10.00	15.00	....	....	2.50	6.00	4.00	2.50	....
Clinton	3.65	30.00	4.50	....	....	....	....	...	....	....
Corinth	2.42	3.60	3.55	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Haw Bluff	....	....	....	1.28	....	....	....	....	...	....
Kenansville	....	....	9.91	....	....	....	....	....	10.32	....
Lisbon	....	1.35	....	....	1.60	....	....	....	6.57	....
Olivet	4.46	....	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	1.79
Southside	14.68	....	....	....	....	45.76	....	....	....	....
Warsaw	8.25	8.60	5.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Wilmington	12.66	12.66	12.66	....	...	25.00	20.00	. ..	80.73	6.60